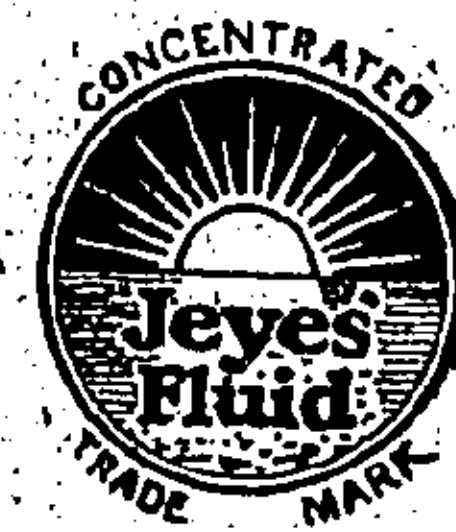


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IRISH BITTERNESS CONTINUES.

REPRISALS AND ANTI-REPRISALS.

LONDON, December 8.
The Standard's Dublin correspondent says that the Irish Republicans have issued a manifesto declaring that Mr. Healy (the new Governor General of the Irish free state) is a lifelong enemy of the nation and the fight will continue. As long as there is a man in Ireland it will be war to the death.

OFFICIAL REPRISALS AGAINST ASSASSINS.

DUBLIN, December 8.
An army official report states that four men have been executed at Mountjoy prison, as a reprisal in connection with the assassination of Brigadier Hales and as a solemn warning to those associated with them in the conspiracy of assassination against the representatives of the Irish people.

[A cable yesterday stated that Deputy Sean Hales was fatally shot and Deputy Speaker O'Maille wounded on their way to the Dail.]

THE FOUR SOAPEGUATS.

LONDON, December 8.
Rory O'Connor, Liam Mellowes, Joseph McKelvey and Richard Barrett were executed at Dublin.

"STERNEST MEASURES NECESSARY."

LATER.
In Dublin General Mulcahy issued a proclamation on behalf of the Army Council as follows: "A conspiracy exists to assassinate the members of the nation's parliament. It has already claimed two victims and the sternest measures are necessary to safeguard the lives of the people's representatives and the life of the nation itself." The proclamation says that persons arrested possessing arms and ammunition without proper authority will be liable to summary execution by order of two members of the Army Council confirming the report of a committee of National army officers.

BIG SENSATION IN DUBLIN.

LONDON, December 8.
A tremendous sensation has been caused in Dublin owing to the dramatic swiftness of the Government's action in consequence of the assassination of Brigadier Hales. It is pointed out that O'Connor and Mellowes were two of the principal irregular leaders. The other, were important though not so well known. All four surrendered after the destruction of the Four Courts in the seizure of which O'Connor and Mellowes took a leading part.

A HORRIBLE REVENGE.

LONDON, December 8.
A Free State soldier was shot dead in his bed in a hospital in Dublin as a reprisal against the executions. The assassins escaped after covering the nurse with revolvers.

BRITISH NAVAL POSITION.

COMPARISON OF PERSONNEL.

LONDON, December 8.
The Times naval correspondent discussing the position in regard to the Washington treaty points out that just as the United States and Japan, as far as is known to the Admiralty, is not yet disposed of any ships so there does not appear to have been anything like the wholesale retirement of personnel which occurred in the British navy. The maximum authorized personnel of the British navy on April 4 was 118,000 which is being reduced to 98,500. The United States naval personnel in June last was about 118,000, including marines and officers. The present strength of the personnel of the Japanese navy is about 76,000. Recently it was officially notified that 12,000 would be discharged but it was not stated when.

NEW GUINEA EXPEDITION.

ADVANCE PARTY FAREWELLED.

LONDON, December 8.
The advance party of the British Pacific science expedition which is proceeding to New Guinea shortly was entertained at a dinner in the Savoy Hotel last night. Lord Plymouth presiding. Sir Ernest Bampfsey, the leader of the expedition, responded. Lady Campbell presented a Plymouth theodolite to be used on the expedition which was handed to Mr. Lucius O'Connell, the leader of the advance party, who stated that the expedition desired to explore the possibilities of New Guinea with a view to its ultimate colonization.

PROBLEM OF THE STRAITS.

WHAT TURKEY WANTS.

ISMET PASHA'S VIEWS.

LAVANNE, December 8.
When discussion was resumed at the Straits' territorial commission Ismet Pasha said he had studied the allies plan very carefully and requested further information on certain points. The Turks had been masters of the Straits for five centuries and had never offended against treaties relative thereto. He urged the necessity of fortification of the straits, particularly the Sea of Marmora, in order to defend the capital. Fortification was the only means of preventing a rush to the Straits in certain eventualities. The Turks would be content with indispensable technical control in wartime but objected to demilitarization of the Bosphorus.

EVERYONE TRANQUIL EXCEPT CHICHEBIN.

M. Chichebin replying to Lord Curzon's recent speech, reiterated his previous statements and reserved the right to reply to the Turkish observations. M. Chichebin contended on behalf of the Russian case that the Panama Canal was fortified but open to merchantmen in wartime. The Suez Canal was also nominally open, though not in fact. The ideal solution was to end all naval armaments. Russia's aim was to place an obstacle between the navies. He finally said that if the Russian proposal to close the Straits to warships was adopted Russia would agree to a special conference of Black Sea powers to examine and report upon conditions in the Black Sea.

M. Dops (Rumania) said the Russian proposals meant enclosing Rumania by a wall.

Lord Curzon promised to consider the Turkish proposals. The representatives of Rumania, Jugoslavia, Bulgaria and Greece announced acceptance of the allied proposals in regard to the freedom of the Straits. The proceedings were friendly and tranquil. M. Chichebin alone displaying irritation.

BONAR LAW AND BALFOUR NOTE.

WHAT WILL HIS POLICY BE?

PREMIERS' LONDON CONFERENCE.

LONDON, December 6.
Will Bonar Law abandon the policy relative to Allied debts announced in the well-known Balfour note on August 1 in regard to which it has already been announced that the Government have an open mind? That is the question on which the conference of Premiers opening in London to-morrow largely hinges for thereon depends France's attitude towards the proposed long term moratorium to Germany and the reduction of the reparations total so long demanded by British public opinion as a prerequisite to the stabilization of exchanges and the reconstruction of Europe. Added interest is attached to the meeting by speculation regarding the exact policy of Signor Mussolini.

It is noteworthy that Mr. Lloyd George, who asked the first question in the new Parliament yesterday, pressed Mr. Bonar Law to make a statement after the conference and took occasion to remind Mr. Bonar Law that the Government had not yet announced its policy as regards reparations. This is regarded as presaging active criticism if the policy does not meet with Mr. Lloyd George's approval.

REPARATIONS.

FRESH GERMAN PROPOSALS.

LONDON, December 8.
Reuter learns in London from Berlin that the German government intends to make fresh proposals to the Allies for payment of reparations, probably while the allied Prime Ministers are sitting in London. It is believed that the proposals will include raising internal and external loans of 1,500,000,000 gold marks each, the bulk whereof will be devoted to reparations payments.

ARMY ABITUATION.

SIX PRISONERS RELEASED.

LONDON, December 8.
Partisan to the decision of the Punjab Government the Sikh have been supplied of Sikh prisoners arrested in connection with the recent Atank agitation. The released men, who have been over fifty years of age, were charged as they marched in procession through the streets.

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CHURCH NOTES.**THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT.**

Both the Collect and the Epistle dwell on the necessity of love for the Bible not only for what it teaches, but for the hopefulness it must inspire in its readers.

To-morrow we think especially of the patience of God, of His patience with man after the fall, His loving patience with the disobedient children whom He had chosen, of His waiting till the "Fruitness of time" should come for Him to send forth His Son. The little we know of the hopefulness and patience of God, and as He waited there for His people to turn to Him, so He waits now till each one of us shall surrender himself completely to His will, drawn at last, not by force but by the constraining necessity of love.

One of St. Paul's reasons for writing this Epistle was to draw together the Church at Rome in which there were Jewish and Gentile converts; it was always difficult for the Jews to realize that since the coming of Christ, there must be no thought of superiority on their part towards the Gentiles, that in Christ there is complete equality. So St. Paul quotes from their own Scriptures reminding them that their own prophets have plainly declared that the Gentiles are "loved" for Him, shall one day glorify God. There is no doubt of the meaning of the ninth verse in the eighth Psalm and the use of it as a fuller message still, and so St. Paul's mission work for when the Day of Judgment comes "All the ends of the World shall remember and turn unto the Lord, and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before Thee."

Most of our Lord's prophecies concerning the destruction of Jerusalem are also fulfillings of His last great coming. This will be provided by terrible physical signs, and those who have not prepared for Him will be filled with terror; but He has words of hope and love for those who shall have been faithful and watchful, as He has commanded: "Look up, lift

up your heads: for your redemption draweth nigh."

Advent through the cold dark air, Blows a shrill blast of warning, and the Night Is well nigh spent. Do thou and I beware Lest the Judge come and we, in Love's despite, Be found with cruel hands raised up to smite Our fellow servant.

Of the earthly lives of many of the Saints in the Church triumphant, little is known to us in the Church militant, they are "the Unknown Good" that rest in God's still memory folded deep. The little we know of St. Lucy who died on December 13th A.D.—304 is an inspiration to all women especially those who bear her name. She was a young and beautiful maiden of Sicily, who through her refusal to marry a Pagan youth of Syracuse, because she had made a "vow" of perpetual celibacy to Christ, suffered martyrdom. This nobleman's love turned to hatred and he accused St. Lucy of being a Christian before the Governor. Threats and entreaties could not make her deny her Faith, at last she was tortured by fire, but while the red hot pincers tore her flesh God strengthened her and she remained invincible.

Lucy means "Light" and often in pictures this young Martyr is represented with a wound in her breast, in allusion to her name and the brightness of her character.

In reference to the Collect and Epistle the second Sunday in Advent is, often called, "Bible Sunday," special sermons preached and collections given to "The British and Foreign Bible Society." Collections in our Cathedral this Sunday will be given to this Society.

Speakers at the General Convention of the American Church had some interesting things to say about Spiritual Healing, as the result of the Healing Missions conducted there three years ago by Mr. Hickson, which caused at the time much notice in the Press. We quote from the report of the special Commission.

"As a result of these healing missions there arose in the American Church two radically opposed opinions on the subject. This division of opinion has not at all coincided with divisions on grounds of Churchmanship. According to one school of thought all the old theological views on the subject of sickness were wrong. God did not permit nor cause sickness, but it came from the devil. It was contrary to the law of God that anyone should be sick. It was God's will that every one should be cured, and they could be cured, if they had sufficient faith. Therefore the more healing missions held, the better it would be for the sick. The other school of thought was more conservative. It held that all sickness was at least permitted by the law of God, and was sometimes the direct consequence of sin. Therefore it is not always the will of God that one should be instantly healed. Strong religious faith, however, accompanied by a sincere repentance ought to predispose one to health and would be a great aid in recovery from sickness. Healing Missions on a large scale were considered unwise because they aroused false hopes in the minds of many life-long invalids, and when they failed their hope not satisfied they became bitter against religion and the Church. Along with this strong faith in prayer the Church must resort to medical science as the hand-maid of God and of religion. The best results will come from a cordial co-operation between pastor and doctor. Special gifts of healing are recognised as existing in some individuals. They should be exercised only with the approval of the Bishop and in sympathetic co-operation with qualified Christian physicians. Healing prayer circles for intercessory prayer for the sick are encouraged, and permission is given for the laying on of hands, provided that the leader does not claim to be a healer but attributes the results to God."

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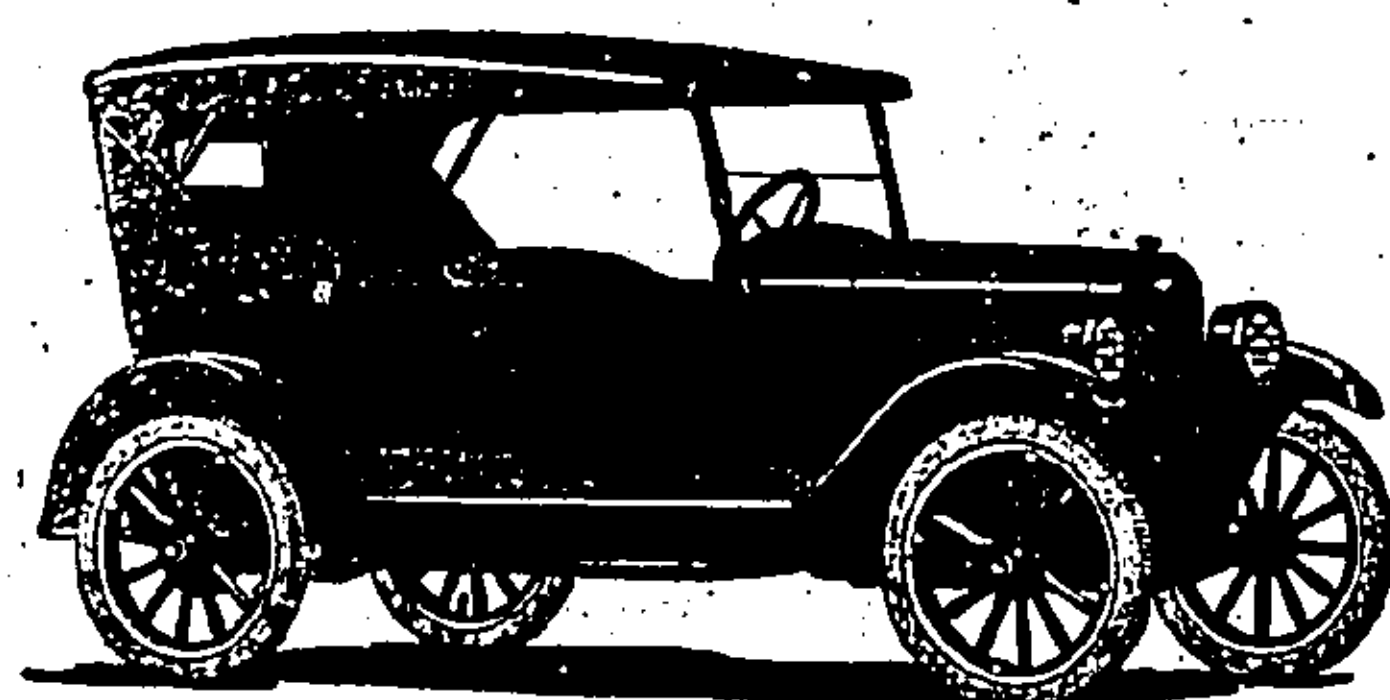
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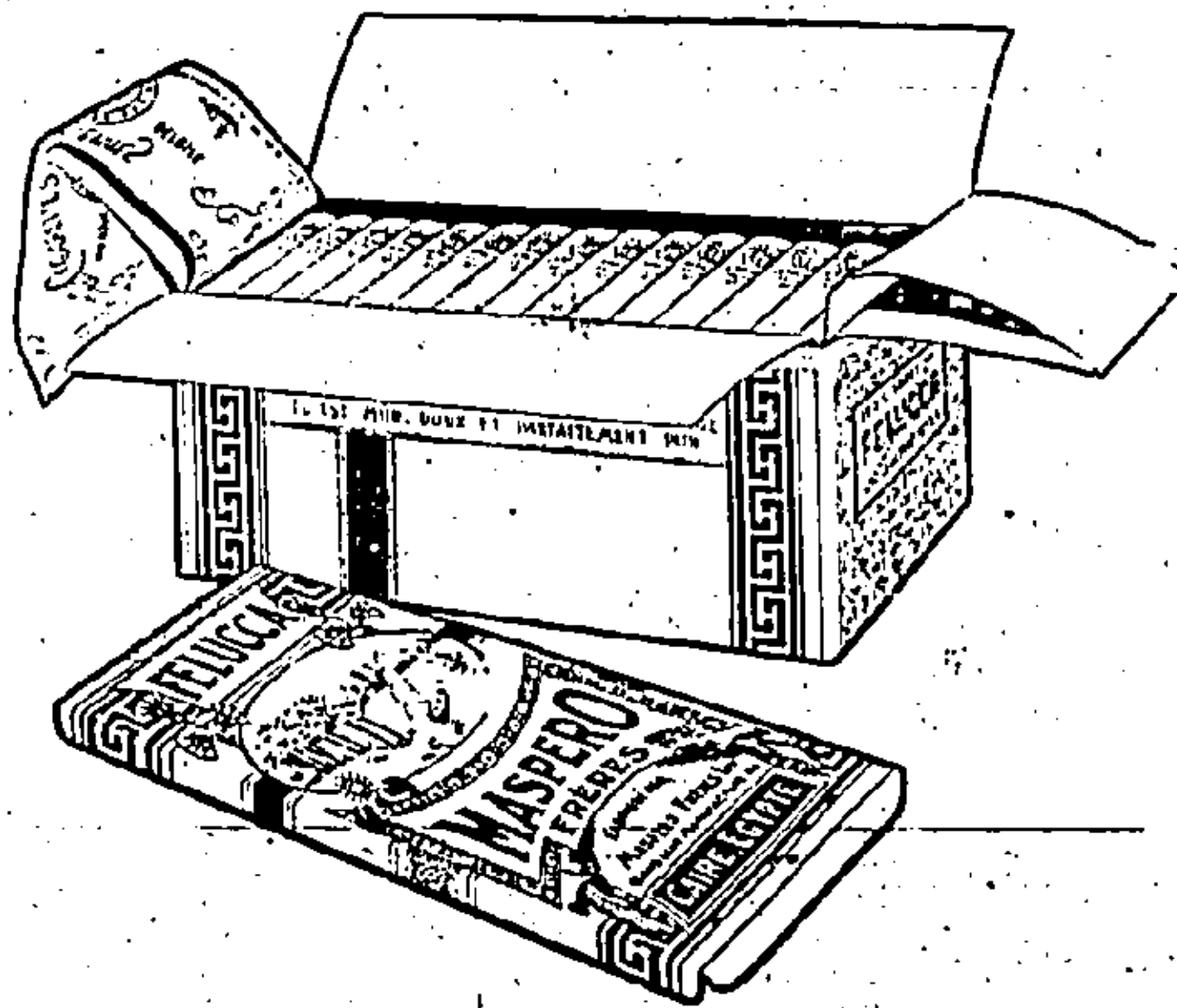
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Hongkong December 8, 1922.

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ALL standing Accounts in connection with the above estate should be sent at once to the undersigned c/o "China Mail" office.

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Hongkong, September 22, 1922.

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INTIMATIONS.

HONGKONG HOCKEY CLUB.

A GENERAL MEETING of the above Club will be held in the HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB pavilion, by kind permission of the Hongkong Cricket Club, at 5.30 p.m. on FRIDAY, 15th inst. All those desirous of joining the Club are invited to attend.

Hongkong, December 8, 1922.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above Company will be held at the offices of Messrs. SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., the General Managers of the said Company, St. George's Building, Victoria, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 14th day of December, 1922, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, when the following resolutions will be proposed as ordinary resolutions, viz:—

1. That the authorized Capital of the Company (which is now \$1,000,000 consisting of 200,000 shares of the nominal value of 5s each) be increased to \$2,000,000 by the creation of 200,000 additional shares of the nominal value of 5s each ranking (subject as hereinafter mentioned) for dividend and in all other respects pari passu with the shares constituting the Company's present issued Capital.

2. That the said 200,000 shares be offered in the first instance (in the proportion of one new share for every old share held by them respectively) to the members of the Company who on the 1st day of December, 1922, are registered in the Company's Share Register as the holders of the said 200,000 old shares at par and so on in acceptance of the offer the amount due in respect of such 200,000 shares shall be payable in two instalments viz:—the sum of \$2.50 part thereof on the 2nd day of January, 1923 and the sum of \$2.50 the balance thereof on the 1st day of March, 1923.

And further that the said 200,000 new shares shall rise vis the said 200,000 old shares only rank for dividend as from the 2nd day of January, 1923, in respect of the account payable thereon on the 1st day of March, 1923 in respect of the full nominal value thereof.

And that such offer be made by notice specifying the number of shares to which the member is entitled and limiting a time within which the offer is not accepted by the member on behalf of himself or his nominee will be deemed to be declined and that the General Managers be at liberty to extend the time for such acceptance to such date or dates as they may think fit in the case of shareholders whose place of address is not in Hongkong.

And further that any of the said 200,000 new shares which shall not be taken up by the Company's shareholders in manner aforesaid be disposed of in such manner at such time or times and upon such terms as the Company's General Managers shall in their absolute discretion think fit.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Friday the 8th day of December, 1922, to Tuesday the 14th day of December, 1922, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

Dated the 30th day of November, 1922.

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EARLY TELEGRAMS.

(Router's Service to the China Mail.)

U.S. SHIP SUBSIDY BILL.

WASHINGTON, December 7th. President Harding has signed what little chance there was of the passage of the Ship Subsidy Bill, by writing to the chairman of the Senate Commerce Committee, asking him to have struck out the amendments to the Bill adopted by the House.

The President intimates that he would rather see the Bill fall than have it passed in its enervated shape, but as the House will not agree to this, and in fact, amendments had to be adopted to secure the votes necessary to pass the Bill through the House, the ship subsidy may now be regarded as an academic question rather than a legislative proposal.

WORLD PEACE.

WASHINGTON, December 7th. President Harding in a letter read at the opening session of the conference on public opinion in regard to world peace, held by the International Lyceum of Chautauque Association, expressed the hope that the discussions would point the way toward new advance into light and understanding. Many prominent Americans and foreigners are expected to address the conventions, including M. Clemenceau who will be the chief speaker to-morrow.

PEKING POLITICS.

PEKING, December 7th. The reported nomination of Chang Shou Tseng as Premier will be placed on the agenda for Monday not to-morrow, as expected.

Constitution requires the endorsement of a permanent Premier by both Houses of Parliament, the Senate will have a special meeting to-morrow, when the question of the speakership will be discussed.

Partisanship still threaten to block the matter, and the Senate is now promising to elect a temporary Speaker, so that the vote on the Premier's nomination may be taken.

Meanwhile, political attention is concentrated on the forthcoming gathering at Peking, on the occasion of Tiao Kun's birthday, for which Wang Chao-Ping and Tiao Jui proceeded to Peking last night.

There is reason to believe that the Peking gathering will discuss the nomination of Chang Shou Tseng's proposed cabinet. If powerful opposition to Chang Shou Tseng's Premiership arises, his nomination may be withdrawn.

Wang Tsh Hsiao (Acting Premier) submitted a petition to the President yesterday, reiterating his intention to remain in office till December 10th, and to retire immediately thereafter, requesting that he be promptly relieved on that date.

The President has issued a Chihling Mandate acknowledging Wang Tsh Hsiao's communication.

With the approach of Marshal Tiao Kun's birthday celebrations, to be held on Saturday, there is a general exodus of politicians and officials to Peking.

SOVIETS AND CHINESE.

PEKING, December 8th. Advertisements for the Red authorities at Urga are becoming more drastic in their treatment of Chinese residents.

The recent police order for the expulsion of unemployed Chinese is being enforced and several hundreds of Chinese have been expelled under this order since December 1st, notwithstanding the protest from the Chinese Chamber of Commerce.

AUSTRO-GERMAN SHIPPING CONTRACT.

PEKING, December 7th. It is semi-officially announced that the Peking Cabinet, at yesterday's meeting, resolved not to accept a renewal of the Austro-German Shipping Contract of 1914 as a *fait accompli*, and also to notify the Austro-German (Chinese Foreign Office) to accept this principle if application be made for the agreement to be definitely concluded.

EARTHQUAKE SHOCKS NEAR NAGASAKI.

NAGASAKI, December 8th. Several earthquake shocks have occurred at frequent intervals since early this morning at Shimabara, in the vicinity of Nagasaki. Considerable damage was done. One person in the city of Nagasaki was slightly injured.

CHINA'S CHIEF JUSTICE IN ENGLAND.

LONDON, December 7th. The new Chief Justice of China, who is at present in England, engaged on despatching Chinese law, appeared on the bench beside Mr. Justice Sheppard during a murder trial at the Central Criminal Court.

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HOW POLICE FOUND A WANTED MAN.

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"Oh my dear Miss Quinteright, what a lovely box of Cigars. Wherever did you buy them?" "A dear, they are nice. I bought them for my Bobby, but this same box, and from the Hongkong Cigar Store. They have such a lovely lot." "Oh, with me then, I must get a box for my Old Boy." And they did but you can all come, we have plenty more.

ALEXANDRA DUBOIS.

BIRTH.

CLAYTON.—On November 28, 1922, at Cheloo, to Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Clayton, a daughter.

The China Mail.

"TRUTH, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE"

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, DEC. 9, 1922.

THE OLD ORDER CHANGING!

The Free State now a British Dominion, surely Ireland will finally secure the peace that will enable her to answer the brutal jest which has remained true ever since Dean Swift first uttered it. The occasion was a Dublin feast. One of the dignitaries, raising his glass, said, "Mr. Dean, the Trade of Ireland."

"Sir," replied Swift, with great quickness, "I drink to memories."

THE MICROBE.

Here's some advice always timely, framed by one who has clearly learned from bitter experience.

In most big towns East of Suez many people, especially those with few ideas, are bitten by a microbe which causes them to exaggerate in a peculiar way. For instance in Hongkong I have heard several very ordinary grammophones described as "the best grammophone in Hongkong," by people who have probably heard no more than a dozen of those instruments. Ditto about pianos. I know more than one man in the Colony who has been misled by the "finest man in Hongkong" while quite a number have the distinction of being the "biggest second-hand in Hongkong." When there is no doubt about it, she, or it being the extreme case in his, her, or its class the disease again manifests itself by substituting "the East" instead of Hongkong. Thus when I'm told that the China Mail is the "best paper out East" I wonder. And so my dear new comers to this island of fragrant streams and primitive sanitation when you are told that "So and So" is the

ablest, cleverest, dirtiest, or worst man in Hongkong or the East pay no attention to the superlative.

Woman (at Enfield Police Court in mail week). Would you help me?

Magistrate: We would—

Woman: Thank you—

Magistrate: If we could—

Woman: Thank you!—

Magistrate: But we can't. Woman: Oh!

AMBIGUITY. Last week I had a few lines about ambiguity, intentional and unintentional. I omitted, however, to quote one of the neatest pieces of intended ambiguity which dates itself, to wit:—

Fah's Defender:—

God bless the King!—I mean the Pretender!

But who Pretender is, or who is King. God bless us all—that's quite an other thing.

Perhaps it was just as well for all concerned that Constantine got away before his arrest was sought. Even the revolutionaries might have found it a delicate business executing the father of the reigning king.

Here's the latest, boned from a Sydney paper:—

What's that funny thing I all out of the water, dad?

"That's the vessel's screw; when it stops the vessel stops."

"But when my screw stops we all move."

"Auld Lang Syne," one of the best known songs in the world—I have heard Oriental singing it—was suggested to Burns (he says) by an old man singing in a song of a cold time. How much this famous song owes to the charm of the poet's native dialect is forcibly shown by the original Ayrshire version printed below with an English translation now made by Sir James Wilson, K.C.S.I., to demonstrate this very point. Here is the Scotch:

Shid aul acquaintances beo fargoot
Un nivver brocht tay main
Shid aul acquaintances beo fargoot
Un aul laung sein?

Chorus—
Fur aul laung sein, nix jox,
Ful aul laung sein,
Wee'll tak a cup o' koinous yet
Fur aul laung sein.

Wee twaw hay run aboot the brayz
Un po'd the gowanz fein;
But seer atween us braid hay roard
Sin aul laung sein.

Wee twaw hay run aboot the brayz
Fay moarin-sun tall dein;
But seer atween us braid hay roard
Sin aul laung sein.

Un thair's a haun, ma frustie freen,
Un thair's a haun on them!
Un we'll tak a richt gid-wallic wakht
Fur aul laung sein.

Un shairlie you'll beo your print-stewp
Un shairlie A'll beo mein;
Un we'll tak a cup on koinous yet
Fur aul laung sein.

And now her's the English translation:—

Should old friendship be forgotten
And never brought to remembrance?
Should old friendship be forgotten
And old long ago?

Chorus—
For old long ago, my dear,
For old long ago,
We'll take a cup of kindness yet
For old long ago.

We two have run over the hills
And pulled the pretty daisies;
But we've wandered many a weary foot
Since old long ago.

We two have paddled in the brook
From morning-sun till dinner-time;
But broad seas have roared between us
Since old long ago.

And there's a hand, my trusty comrade,
And give me a hand of this!
And we'll take a right hearty drink
For old long ago.

And surely you'll stand your pint (of ale),
And surely I'll stand mine;
And we'll take a cup of kindness yet
For old long ago.

Quiller-Couch is an interlude in jargon in the course of his Cambridge University English lectures. Sir Arthur took Hamlet's soliloquy and translated it into jargon as follows:—

"To be, or the contrary? Whether the former or the latter, the preferable would seem to admit of some difference of opinion; the answer in the present case being of an affirmative or of a negative character according as to whether one elects on the one hand to initially suffer the disavowal of fortune, albeit in an extreme degree; or whether, on the other to boldly envisage adverse conditions in the prospect of eventually bringing them to a conclusion. The condition of sleep is similar to, it not indistinguishable from, that of death; and with the addition of, finally the former might be considered identical with the latter; so that in this connection it might be argued with regard to sleep that, could the addition be effected, a determination would be put to the endurance of a multiplicity of inconveniences not to mention a number of downright evils incidental to our fallen humanity, and thus a consummation achieved of a most gratifying nature."

Madame Sarah Grand, authoress of "The Drunkard," "Heavenly Twins," has discovered why Scotsmen drink whisky. It is to enable them to withstand the rigours of their climate. Which, however, cannot compare with the rigours of Hongkong's climate, what?

The China Mail waxed indignant on Monday over the raucous motor boater nuisance. It's like to have cause to wax ever more indignant these many moons yet, for list! even this week I beheld one of the Colony's highest officials sweep past in a motor car which resembled its way along Queen's Road with a hooter bad as the worst of these monstrous devices to secure greater and still greater speed.

Possibly—you thought the China Mail's Tuesday leader exaggerated the horrors of the lynch-ching scandal in the Southern States. Just read these few examples. The dark ages touch is quite misleading; they took place this year. On May 18 a negro was tortured over a slow fire while 2,000 men watched and cheered. Finally he gave the desired confession; someone had killed a white woman and robbed her. When the boy confessed he was hung over a hot fire, and more than 200 shots were fired into his burning body by the onlookers. The next day a coloured boy who had shot a white man in Texas was tied with a rope and dragged behind an automobile until dead, and then burned. A mob which included women and children, burned a negro alive near Hubbard, Texas. "While the victim was slowly roasting, various members of the mob amused themselves and entertained the rest by jabbing sticks into his mouth, nose and eyes." As one American writer has bitterly observed the theft of four hogs having cost four negroes their lives the value of a negro's life in Louisiana is one hog. "The prevailing quotation in Georgia is somewhat higher for there two negroes were lynched for killing a mule, which establishes a valuation of half a mule per negro."

The mob has lynched negroes for less than this though—for creating a disturbance, for disagreeing with a landowner, for not turning out of the road for a white boy with an automobile, and for creating a disturbance on election day. The mob has even lynched men who have been sentenced to death by the courts, thus disposing of the plea often advanced in extenuation of mob rule that the courts cannot be depended upon to administer justice. And yet the Senate allowed the proposed Federal law to die an ignominious death in a political filibuster. Politics again—dirty business.

Story told with much glee during the week has it for fact that two nameless naval officers perceived the notice in a certain local hotel.

MISS BLANK, Room Umpteen.

DRESSES AND HATS 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Silky awaiting their chance, they slightly altered the lettering, adding "in" before one word and "o" before another. And the notice, with these startling amendments, remained unchanged fully thirty-six hours!

They do strange things in Hongkong. This week when two bachelor officers returned home from office for their one-day holiday, they informed them that a European in civilian dress, after flourishing a paper inscribed in English had made a complete tour of the hotel. This unimpaired person had apparently not taken the trouble to inquire beforehand whose house he was entering for this information he sought from the boy. Nor did he

leave any card or paper giving his identity or explaining the object of his visit—the two men whose house he invaded in their absence still await the slightest clue as to who he was or why he came. Whether he was simply some government official too lofty to explain or whether he was some unauthorized person with a motive of his own remains a mystery; but his discourtesy or effrontery, as the case may be, amply demonstrates that the Englishman's home is not his castle—in Hongkong, anyway.

The Central China Post has heard about a new game just invented at Home, much more subtle than "Beaver." It is called Lure and is how it is played: Two players travel together on an omnibus, say, from Liverpool Street to Charing Cross. Passing the Mansion House a may say to B, "What a wonderful architect Wren was." If a stranger on the bus is "lured," and points out that Wren was not responsible for the Mansion House, then A scores one. A little later B pointing to St. Paul's, says, "I think the Gaiety is the finest theatre in London." If no one troubles to correct the imbecility then A will have scored another point. And so on.

Let you be rashly "lured" take warning that the game has dangers; witness the following letter which appeared in our Hankow contemporary the next day:—

Dear Sir,—I was driving this forenoon with a lady and decided to play the new game of "Lure." At first it seemed fascinating and appeared to have possibilities. It had. The game proceeded very evenly until nearing the Race Club when I espied a little Chinese boy "mit nodings on" and innocently remarked "Isn't that a fat little girl." I got a thick ear. Never again will I be LURED.

Perhaps you won't believe it but there are actually some people in the Colony who refused to see Pavlova because she is a Russian! These are doubtless the same people who scorn Goethe, Wagner and many other immortals because they were Germans. What does Shaw, writing of the war period, say about this miserable breed?—"But when it came to frantic denunciations of German chemistry, German biology, German poetry, German music, German literature, German philosophy and even German engineering, as malignant abominations standing towards British and French chemistry and so forth in the relation of heaven to hell, it was clear that the utterance of such barbarous ravings had never really understood or cared for the arts and sciences they professed and were profane, and were only the appalling degenerate descendants of the men of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries who, recognising no national frontiers in the great realm of the human mind, kept the European country of that realm loftily and even ostentatiously above the rancours of the battlefield." Or as Lord Haldane said, acclaiming Einstein, "genius knows no frontiers."

And now just a word about those dancers. Have you ever flopped in a heap on the floor? Have you seen several other people? Then you know how clumsily it can be done. Six of those Pavlova dancers could whirl round the room and when a certain note was struck drop lightly, without a sound, without a jolt, into a group of the rarest statuary.

During an interval long enough to allow a conversation on the beauties unfolded, a wit in the Theatre Royal on Thursday evolved the following sentence from Pavlova's name:—"Packed audience voices loud ovations venting admiration." But perhaps the highest praise I have yet heard comes from a humble servant girl in the latest *Punch*. Hair away and dress ungaily, she stands surveying the front steps, broom in one hand, a bucket in the other. "A one-step and a two-step I can manage with the best," she declares, "but this ere slight wants a blinking Pavlova."

Arnold Bennett, in one of his chatty diary books, talks about his visit to the Russian Ballet. The incomparable Pavlova is portraying the Dying Swan. A feather from her costume falls to the ground and a scatter-brained member of the audience is heard to whisper "Moultin!" Those who saw Pavlova as the Dying Swan on Thursday will appreciate the furious temper which this one word, uttered during the performance, ran up in the pinner of life in the Five Towns.

Among the many beautiful dance poems Pavlova presented in the Theatre Royal was one called "Autumn Leaves."

Those who saw this superlative allegory will call me brute when I confess the title (not the performance, for one forgets everything when one

thinks of that, called to mind the following little bit of verse libre, "in the manner of some modern masters," which appeared in a recent issue of the *Lyons Mail*:—

Autumn leaves,
Drifting through the air,
Falling, falling,
Sadly on to the wet and shining pavement,
You are so sadly beautiful,
So brown and crisp;
Just like fried potatoes.

Happy Valley will soon have its belt of tram lines and another link in the chain of progress will have been forged.

A hitherto quiet thoroughfare will now become a street of noise from cockcrow to midnight. Already some of the Wongneichong Road trees have disappeared and others will doubtless soon have their beauties shorn.

Forward, forward let us range, let the great world spin for ever down the ringing grooves of change, even if it cost Happy Valley its charm and the riches coolie his job.

These happy verses are sent by a reader signing himself "Victim." Another victim, I gladly print them, merely adding like the negro (it was his prayers printed above his bed "Them's my sentiments!")

Who comes each morn with cat like tread,
And wakes me from my cosy bed?
Who watches me with stealthy eye,
And wears my singlets on the sly?
The Boy.

Who likes to see me nice and "posh"?
Who sends quite clean clothes to the wash?
Who never buys a cigar ette?
Who scrapes his chin with my Gillette?
The Boy.

Who reads my letters through and through?
Who cleans my pipe and smokes it too?
Who bears the brunt of all my spite,
When I have had a hectic night?
The Boy.

Who nurses me when I am ill?
Who rules me at his own sweet will?
Who quietly smiles at all my wack?
Who knows my balance in the bank?
The Boy.

Who at a moment's notice will
Contrive with most uncanny skill
To feed an unexpected row,
Though he had only coked for two?
The Boy.

Who can these days afford to run
Three wives while I can not keep one?
Who feels his wife's and family
With food I buy but not see?
The Boy.

In whose hands do I day by day
Become more plastic just like clay?
Who knows my follies better than myself?
Who is my right hand man?
The Boy.

And when I take a holiday
And his to lands far far away,
When over land and sea I post,
Who is it that I miss the most?
The Boy.

When he intends to do a shoot
He says: Can catches substitute
For my must stop chop county fly
Cause my grandmother makes die.
Oh Boy!

And when I cross that distant bourne
From whence no wanderers return,
When they have rung my funeral knell,
Whom shall I seek in Heaven or—?
The Boy.

According to a Home paper, Sir James Cantillo favours the Chinese practice of five thousand years standing, by which, if a boy misbehaves, it is the schoolmaster who is punished. The Home paper trembles to think of the development of this doctrine: editors being bastinadoed for the mistakes of their staff and general managers and managing directors of operating companies being scourged for the faults of everyone in the office. Extend this practice locally and we shall perchance see high postal officials being fayed for late letters, telephone directors gorged for delayed calls, hotel managers thumb-screwed for tardy drinks, and taipans generally mauled for coolie delinquency. It might even become the practice in the best circles for a guest to assault his host if the cook has used baking soda instead of icing sugar in the sweets, or for unofficial members to prove the sincerity of their criticism by digging their fingers into the ears of the departmental head concerned.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Mr. A. D. Hickling and Mr. M. B. H. Airey have been appointed members of the Education Board.

Perthcoming Crown land sales include 11,720 sq. ft. at Bridge Street, Taipingshan, for an upset price of \$13.00.

Mr. Long, the Governor of French Indo China, who is returning to the East, has been landed at Colombo sufficiently from fever.

The Peak School's prize giving is to take place on Thursday when Mrs. Chad Severn will distribute the prizes at the Peak Club at 5.15 p.m.

Members of the Q. C. O. B. A. are reminded of the Second Annual Meeting to be held on Monday the 11th inst. at 5.30 p.m. in Queen's College. Adv.

The Chief Justice of the Straits Settlements Sir Walter Shaw, K.C.B. leaves England by the "City of Simla" on January 1 and will arrive in the Settlements about February 2 next year.

The Open Billiard Championship of the Colony held under the auspices of the Victor Recreation Club will take place about the middle of January 1923.

Mr. S. B. J. McElderry, of the Hongkong Civil Service, who is to represent the Crown Colonies at the Red Cross Congress at Birminghams, has been paid a short visit to Penang.

Owing to high weather the ss. "Hokuto Maru," which arrived here this morn'g from Cranford, had to take shelter in Ha. By from two o'clock on 10th until half past eight the following day.

At the Helen May Institute on Monday the 11th December at 6.30 p.m., the Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald will give a lantern lecture on "Star Clusters and Nebulae." The public are cordially invited. Adv.

The rainfall for the month of November at the Botanical Gardens was 0.4 on 3 days, the Matilda Hospital, Mount Kel, it was 0.1 on 3 days, and at the Police Station, Taipei, it was 0.3 on 2 days.

A special dance, which the theatre's own American band will play, is to be held at the Kowloon Theatre this evening. The week-end picture will be "Midnight Romance," featuring lady Anita Stewart.

The Royal Hongkong Golf Club holds its annual meeting, Jardine Matheson's Board Room 5.15 p.m. on Monday, December 18. Nominations for General Committee members should be sent in by 5 p.m. on December 14.

The Manager of the K. Lee Import and Export firm of 153, Queen's Road West, reports yesterday he gave a fob a chey for \$5,000 to cash at the Bank of China. The man collected the money but failed to return.

The name of the Anglo-Ryan Trading and Industrial Company "Britoness," Limited has been sent off the register. The China Vegetable Oil Co., Ltd., is given 6 months in which to show why, should not be dissolved.

A message from San Francisco sent to Japan by the Kuroki Associated Press states that the Chin Mail Steamship Company has been fined \$233,900, following the seizure of \$95,000 worth of opium on board the company's liner "Nanking."

At the Catholic Men's Club, Garden Road, on Thursday evening, the Naval men of the station who are proceeding home on H.M.S. "Vindictive" to be paid off, were entertained at a very enjoyable smoking concert, by the other members of the club and their friends.

The island—that is the scene of "The Tramp" might it not be our Island of Hongkong seen with the eyes of poetic fancy, translated into the realms of poetry and symbolised for dramatic presentation? How many things are there in Crown and how many things are different. Booking now open at Montreux for the A.D.C.'s production.

Metron M. M. Tunley, Sister E. Bullin and Miss N. A. Graham, of the Q.A.I.M.N.S., it is stated in Command Orders, embarked on the ss. "Karmala" for home on the 6th inst. and have accordingly been struck off the strength of the Command. Capt. F. P. Vidal, O.N.E., R.A.F., and his wife, having arrived by s.s. "Silvia" from Bombay yesterday, have been taken on the strength of the Command.

TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Items Service to the China Mail)

AUSTRALIAN SEAMEN'S STRIKE.

M.C.C. TEAM HELD UP.

LONDON, December 8.
The members of the Marylebone Cricket team who were held up in Sydney for some days owing to a seamen's strike have sailed for New Zealand. The strike is practically broken.

NEW BISHOP OF POLYNESIA.

SINGAPORE CLERIC APPOINTED.

LONDON, December 8.
The Archbishop of Canterbury has nominated the Rev. Mr. Kempthorne of Singapore as Bishop of Polynesia.

FOR "SELF-PROTECTION."

ARMS EXCISE FAILS.

JAPANESE SEAMEN JAILLED.

Two Japanese seamen of the N. Y. K. s.s. "Nagasaki Maru" were charged before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning for the unlawful possession of arms and ammunition. One man had an automatic and 281 rounds of ammunition and the other had a Mauser pistol with stock.

The men were arrested yesterday morning by Chinese revenue officer at the Kowloon wharf and when searched by Revenue Officer Langan, the automatic and ammunition were found concealed in first defendant's jirdle. The other man had the Mauser hidden between two singlets he was wearing.

The men were tried separately and the first defendant said he had no intention of selling the automatic. The Magistrate: Then what did you propose to do with it—I was only carrying it for self-defence.

The Magistrate: I do not believe you were carrying this automatic and 281 rounds for self-defence in this Colony. I believe you brought them ashore to trade and that you were smuggling them. At the present time it is important to control the trade in arms here and those found trafficking must be severely dealt with. Members of the crew of ships found engaged in such trade must be particularly severely dealt with. I had two Americans before me for a similar offence, and I see no reason why I should not pass the same sentence on you. The sentence is six months' imprisonment with hard labour.

The other man said he was carrying the Mauser for the first defendant. The latter admitted this in his witness box and said he bought the pistol at Hamburg.

The Magistrate said he did not see why he should impose a lighter sentence, in view of the fact that they were both out for a common purpose. A similar sentence of six months was passed.

POLO TOURNAMENT.

FIRST GAMES TO-DAY.

The Hongkong Polo Club are holding the first matches of a polo tournament at Causeway Bay this afternoon commencing at 4 p.m. A handicap list of players has been prepared, and from this four teams with as nearly equal aggregate handicaps as possible have been selected. The tournament will be run on American lines (each team to play one chukka against each of the other three teams), and some excellent matches are promised.

The teams will line up as follows:—
"A" Team.—Mr. Boyd, Lieut. Moore, Lieut. Davies and Dr. Eiler.
"B" Team.—Captain Neville Lieut. Colnel Darwell, Lieut. Previte and Captain Cross.

"C" Team.—Mr. Bartholomew, Lieut. Redding, General Fowler and Lieut. Comm. Hooper.
"D" Team.—Lieut. Fisher, Mr. Dent, Mr. Lyon and Mr. Macnagana. Commencing to-day, the tournament will be played on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday of each week. Tea will be served at the Club House on playing days.

Professor Einstein, upon his arrival in Kobe, told the Japanese journalists who wanted an interview with him, that if they expected to hear something new on the subject of relativity they were disappointed, for what the Professor said was that the most striking thing he had seen in Japan was the architecture of the Kyoto Temple. He deplored the fact that the Japanese were taking up Western styles of architecture and hoped they would continue to build the great temples for which Kyoto was famous.

BRITISH SHIPS AND PROHIBITION.

AN INTERESTING PRECEDENT.

The New York Herald unearthed a precedent of international law to which British and other steamship owners are expected to appeal when protesting against the seizure of their supplies of liquor by the American authorities.

In October, 1841, the American brig "Creole" sailed from Hampton Roads, Virginia, for New Orleans with a cargo of slaves. After mutiny and murder the "Creole" made the port of Nassau in the Bahamas. The British authorities there set free those slaves not concerned in the mutiny or murder, on the ground that the laws of Great Britain forbade slavery. Parliament having passed the Abolition Act in 1833. The owners of the slaves complained to Washington, and the two Governments submitted the case to an umpire, who in his verdict declared: "I need not refer to authorities to show that slavery, however odious and contrary to the principles of justice and humanity may be established by the law of any country, and, having been established in many countries, cannot be contrary to the law of nations. The 'Creole' was on a voyage sanctioned and protected by the laws of the United States and the law of nations. . . . The municipal law of England cannot authorize the magistrate to violate the law of nations by invading with armed force the vessel of a friendly nation that had committed no offence."

The outcome of the case was the payment by the British Government of \$22,000 to the owners of the liberated slaves. The Herald argues that if international law could not be set aside to strike at slavery in the late days of that curse, it is impossible to set it aside in two instances of a purely domestic American Prohibition Act. The question at issue, it insists, is not one of prohibition, but of international fair play and honour.

CHEFALO AND PALERMO.

OPENING SHOW TO-NIGHT.

Chefalo and Palermo, the well known illusionists, open their season at the Theatre Royal to-night commencing at 9.15 p.m. With their own Company of entertainers they are offering a fine programme of magic and illusions of the latest invention. To-night Mr. Chefalo will present for the first time in the Colony the greatest of all mysteries "Sawing through a woman," which has baffled large audiences all over the world. Miss Magdalena Palermo will offer her unique and gorgeous act "The Garden of Mystery" supported by Mr. Chefalo and the Company.

HOUSEBOY ROBBED.

A houseboy employed at No. 13, Bowen Road was the victim of a highway robbery near the filterbeds yesterday afternoon. He was on his way from town about 5.45 p.m., when he was accosted by four men. One of the strangers had a dagger. They said they wanted to search the houseboy for arms and one of them, opening a rattan bag he was carrying, stole from it several pieces of clothing worth \$10.60. The others searched the houseboy's pockets and took 80 cents in cash. All four men ran in the direction of Wanchai Gap.

The traffic signal at the junction of Garden and Kennedy Roads was knocked down and smashed by a motor-car last night. How the collision occurred is not known. Apparently the car was not damaged as it was able to continue its journey. The paddy of the car has not been ascertained.

MYSTERY OF A BRIDE.

DISAPPEARANCE ON MORNING OF WEDDING.

The disappearance of the bride caused the abandonment of a wedding which should have taken place at Holy Trinity Church, Shrewsbury. The bride Miss Emily Mary Davies, 23, had been staying with the parents of the bridegroom at 91, Longden Colcham, a suburb of Shrewsbury. She went out at 9 a.m. to do some shopping and did not return. The police were informed, but up to a late hour in the night had been unable to find her. It is thought she may have gone to relatives at Birmingham.

It is understood that the tender for the Siam State Railways for ten locomotives and tenders and spare parts has been secured by the Compagnie Generale Francaise in Bangkok, on behalf of Messrs. Societe de Construction des Batignolles of Paris. The total price is in the neighbourhood of France 3,000,000.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE.

LANTERN LECTURE

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Hongkong, December 8, 1922.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual General Meeting of Members of THE ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB, will be held in the Board Room of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 18th day of December 1922, at 5.15 p.m.

To Receive from the Committee a Report, Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 30th September 1922.

To Consider, and if thought expedient, pass a Resolution continuing the additional subscription of \$2.00 per month until the 31st December 1924.

To Elect Officers, Members of the Committee, and an Auditor for the ensuing year.

To Cease on any Resolution which may be submitted to the Secretaries & Treasurers four days prior to the Meeting.

Any Other Business.
By Order of the Committee.
PERCY SMITH, SETH & FLEMING,
Secretaries and Treasurers.
Hongkong, December 7, 1922.

TO SECRETARIES OF CLUBS AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS.

ALL preliminary notices of forthcoming meetings, lectures and entertainments, sent for insertion in the news columns of the China Mail are charged for at the rate of \$1 each (as announced in May and June of last year) providing they do not occupy more than four lines. In future if this space is exceeded they will be placed in the advertising columns at the prevailing rates.

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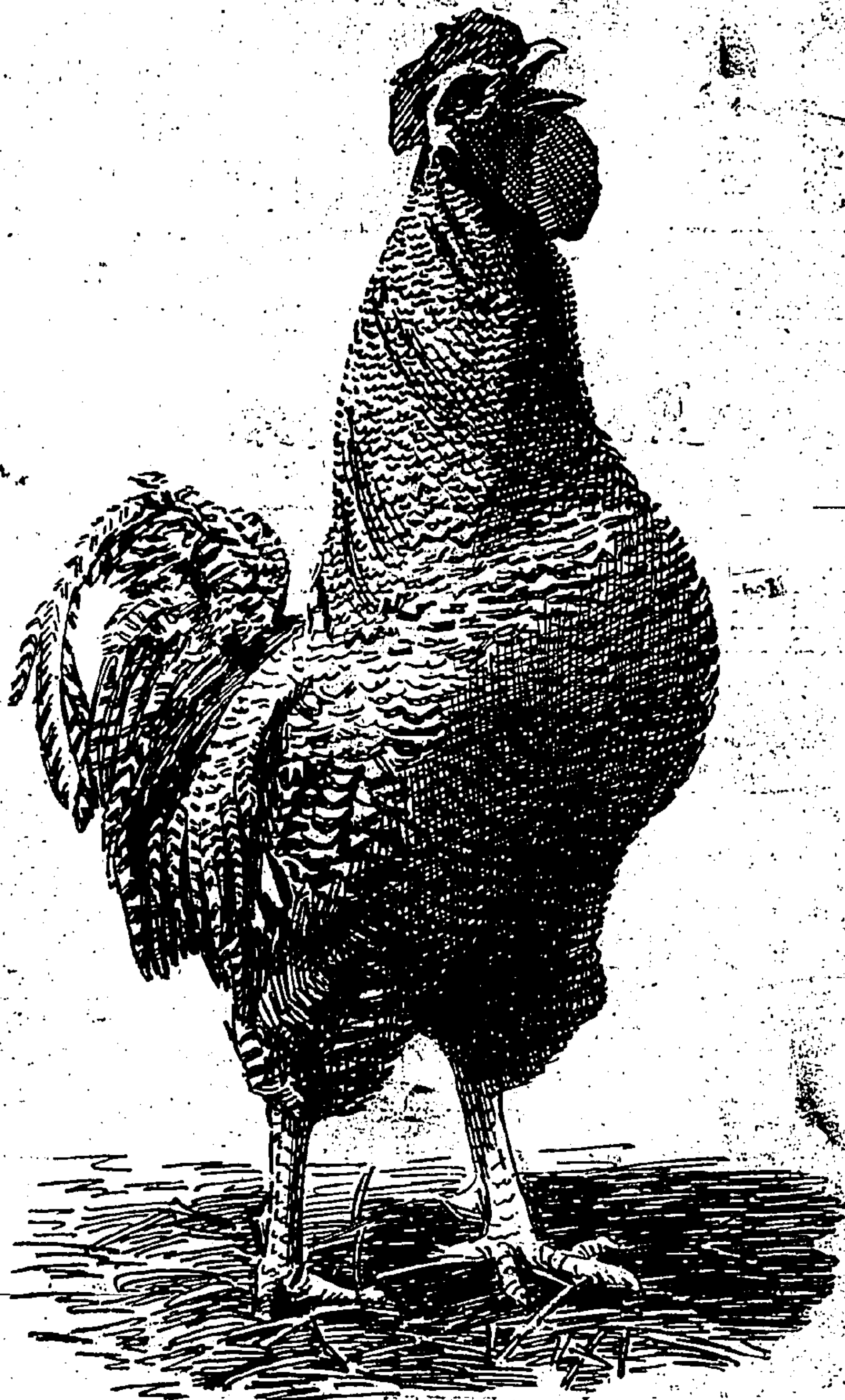
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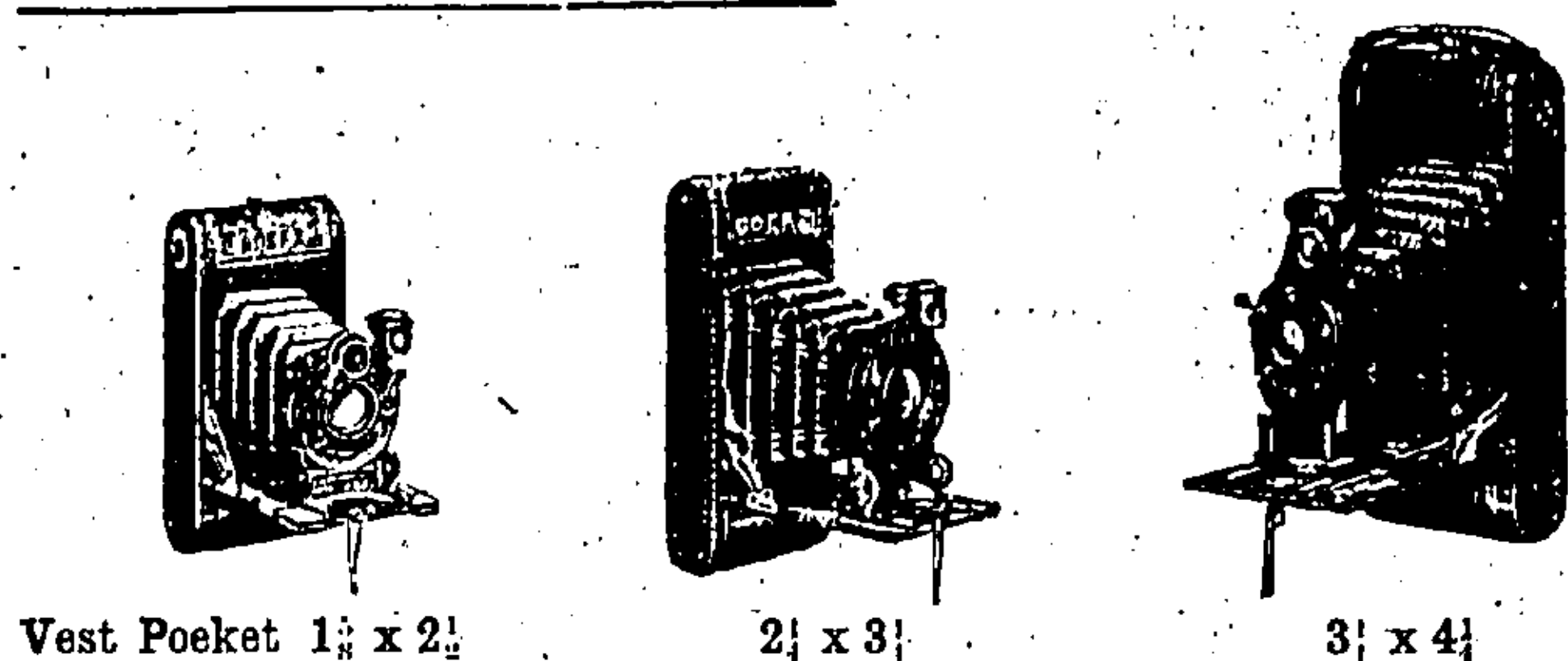
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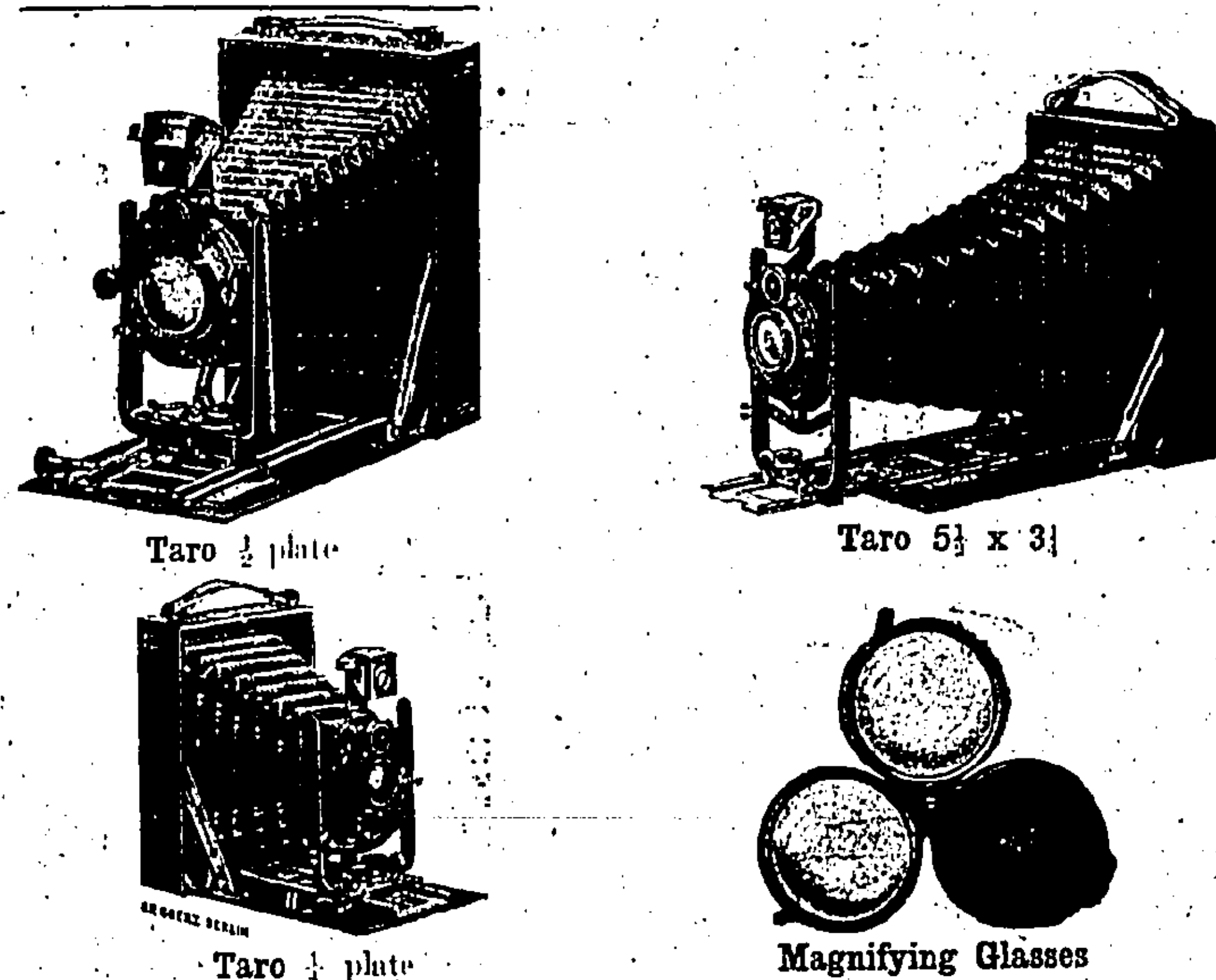
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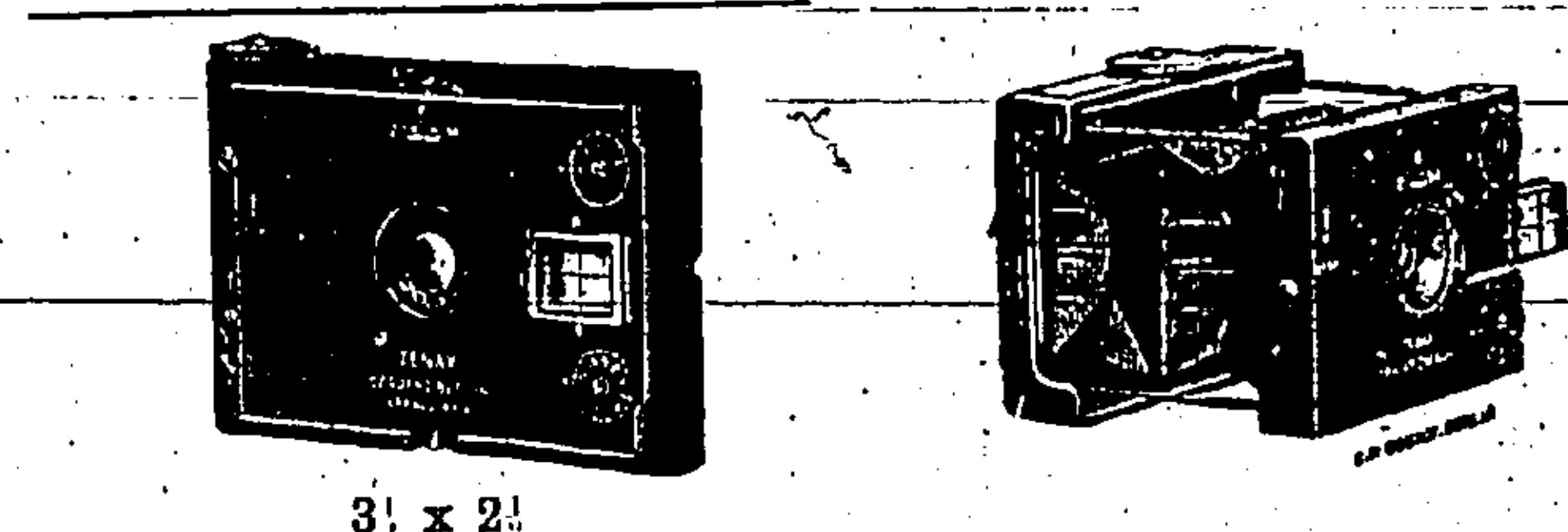


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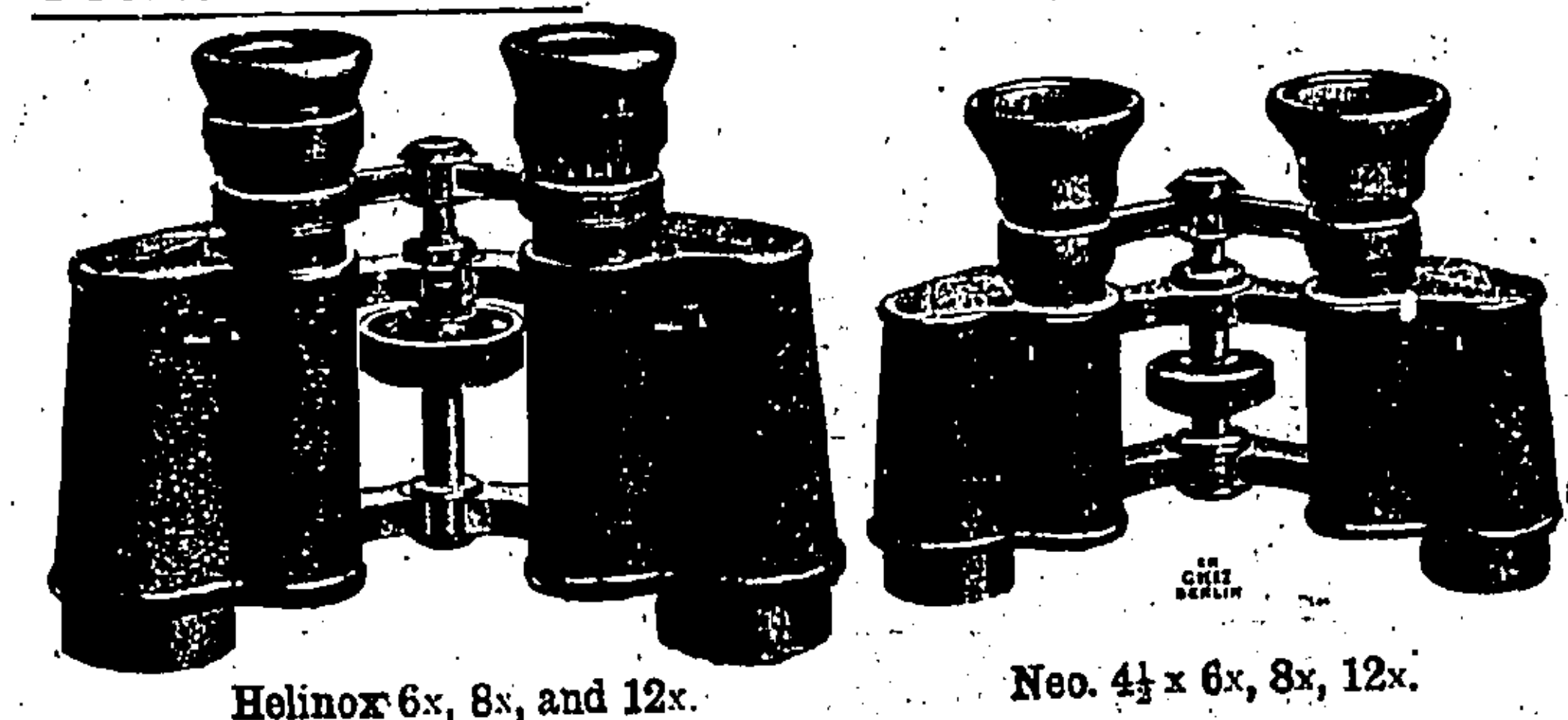


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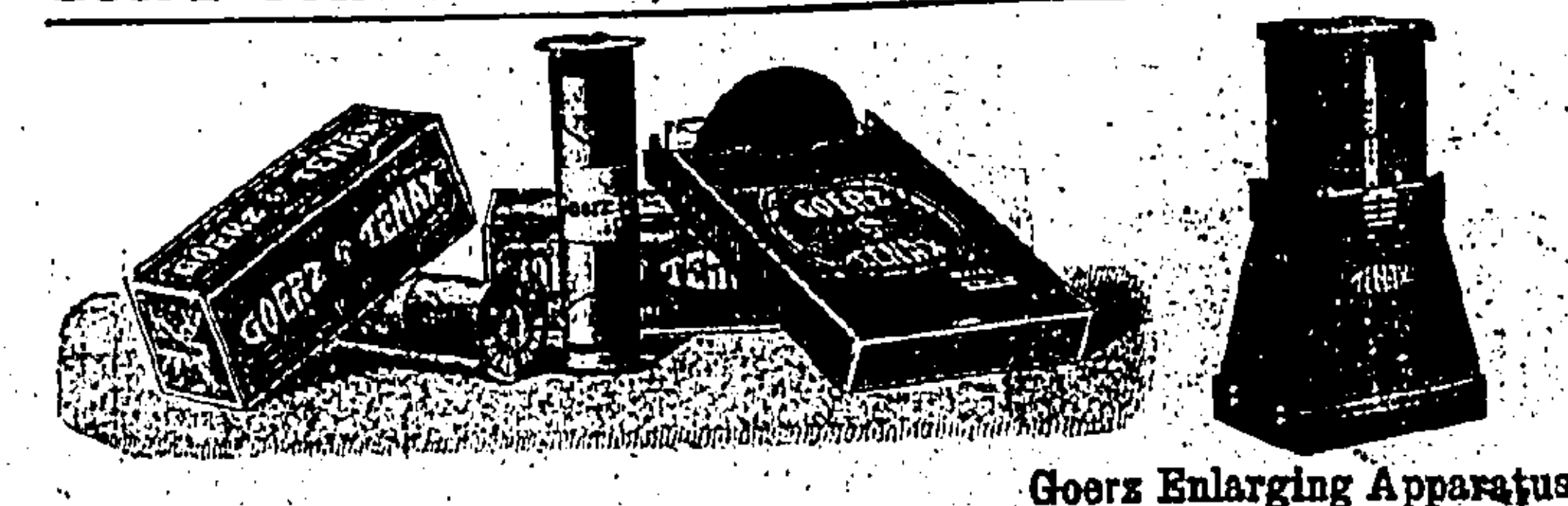
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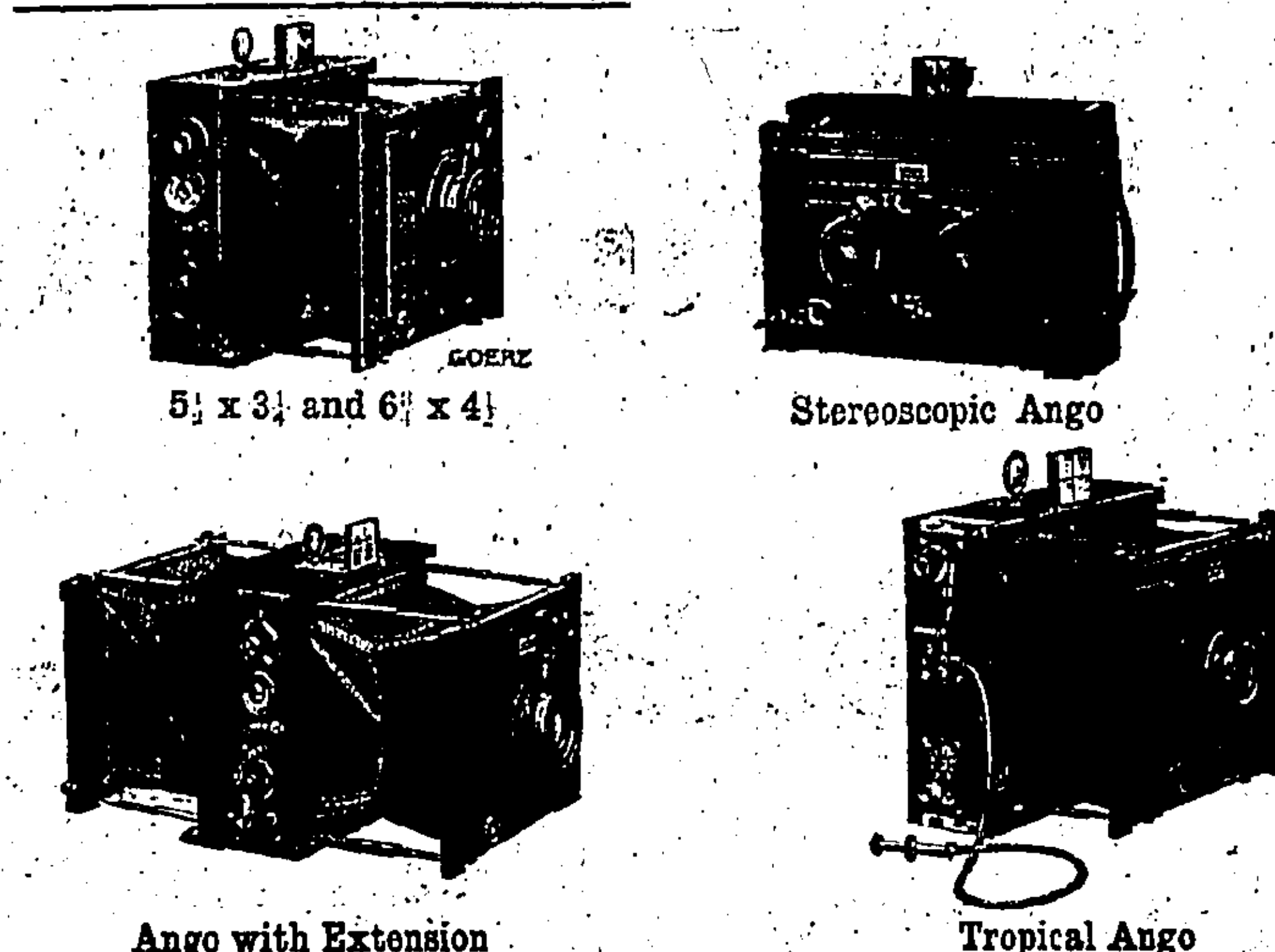
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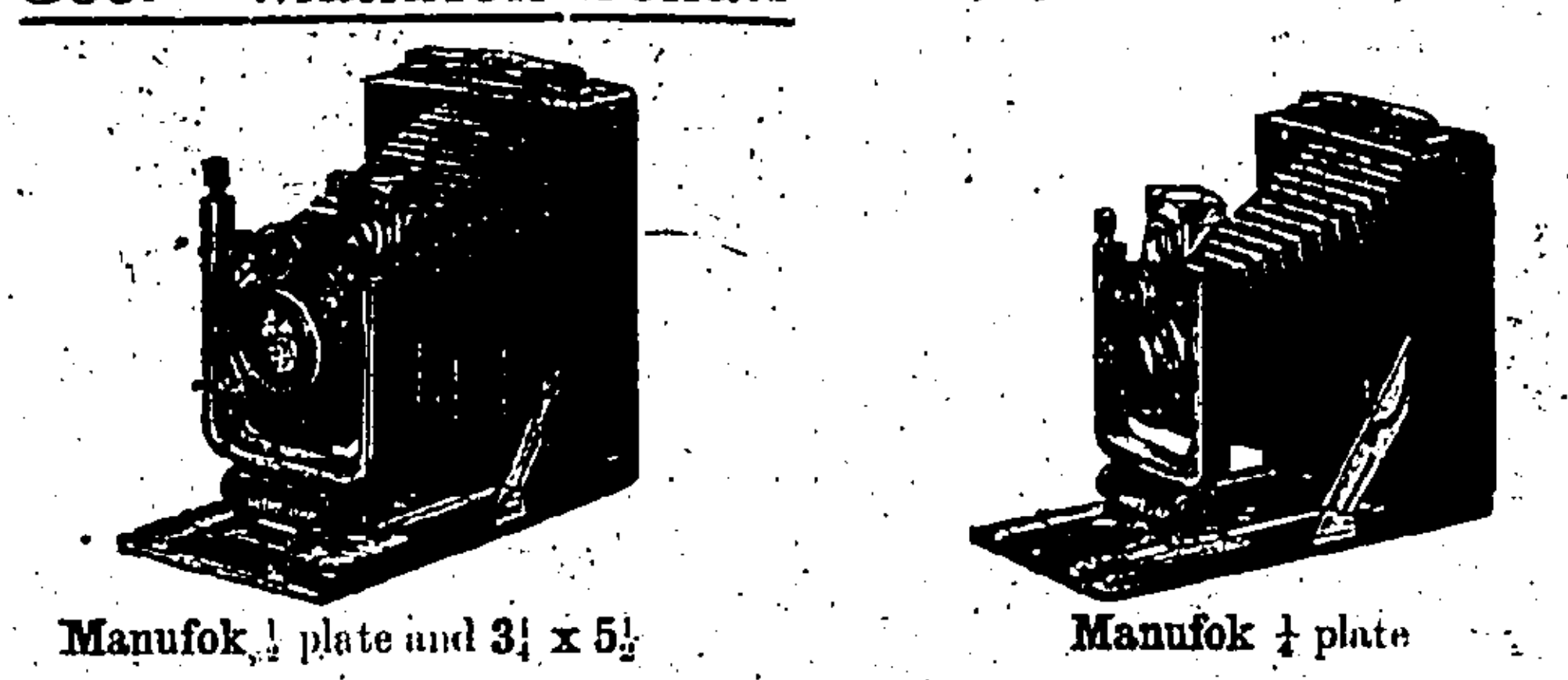
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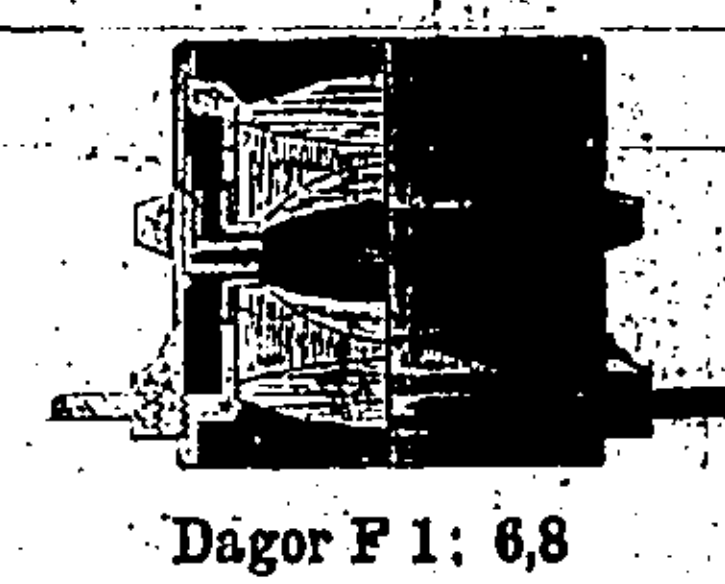


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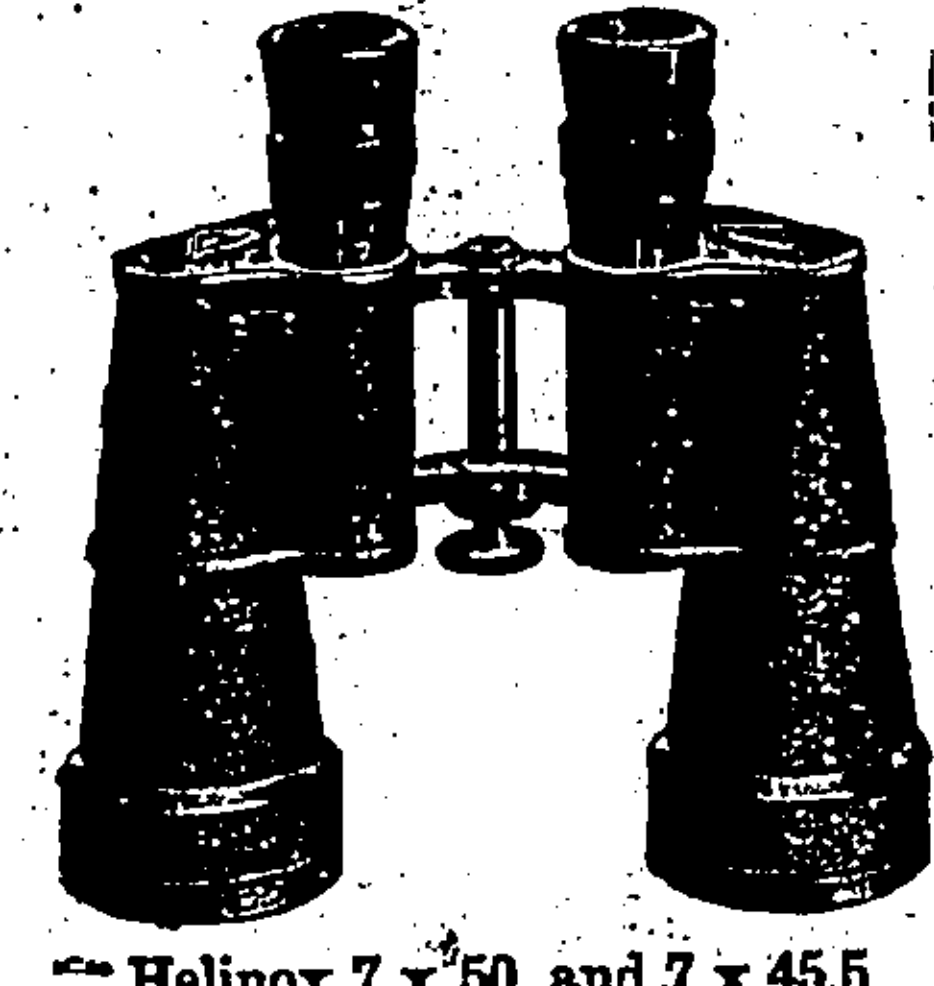
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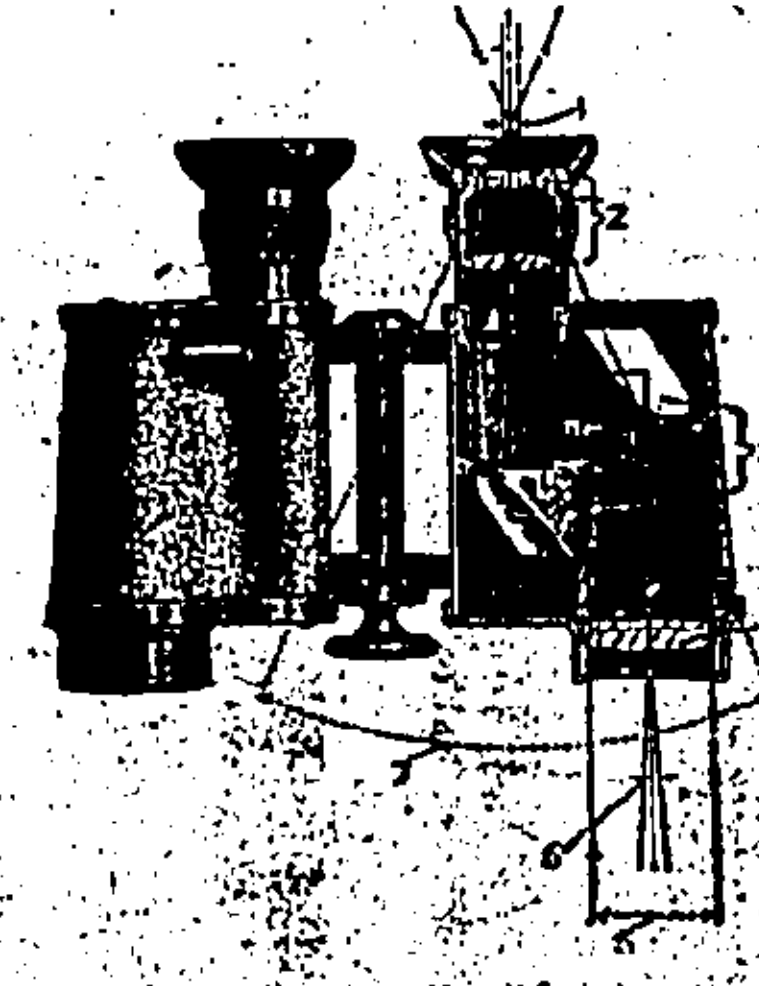
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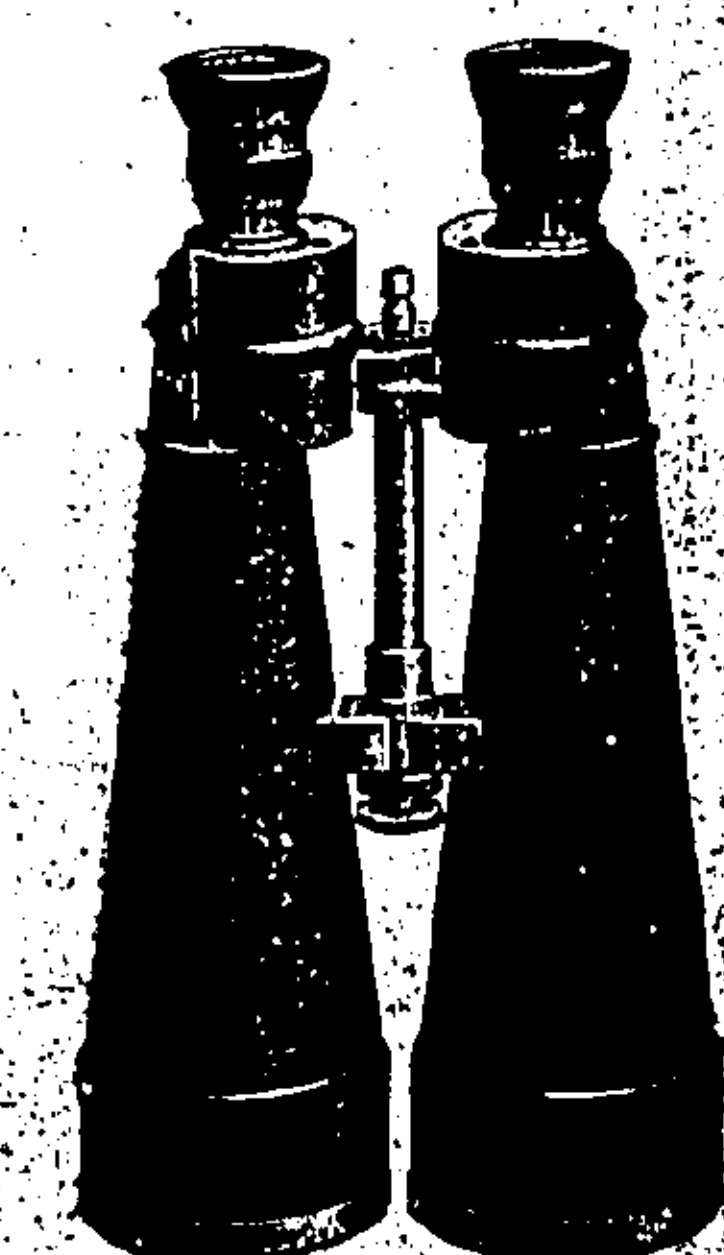
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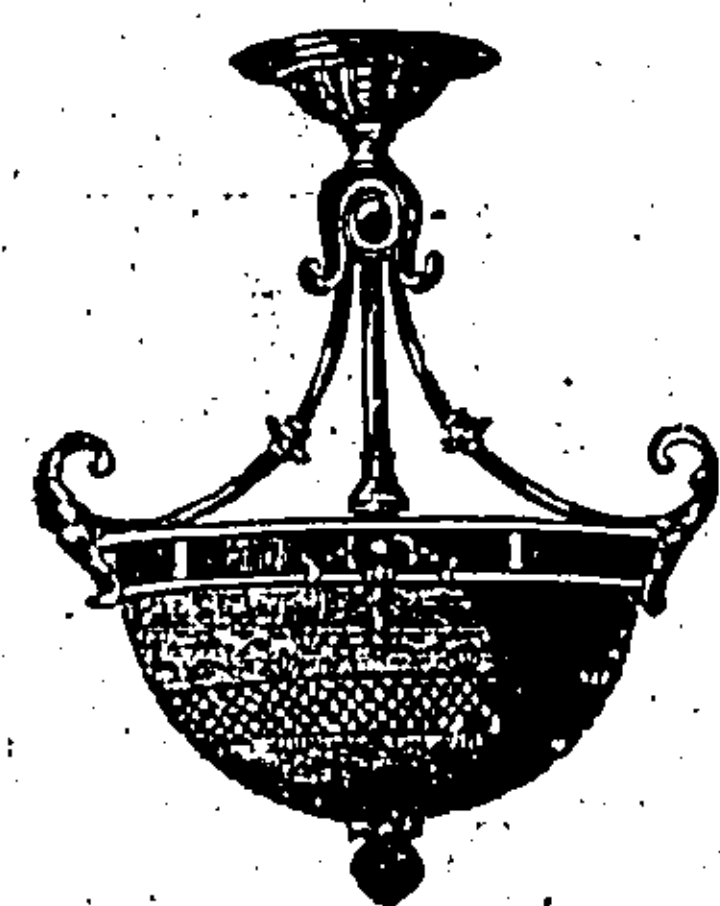
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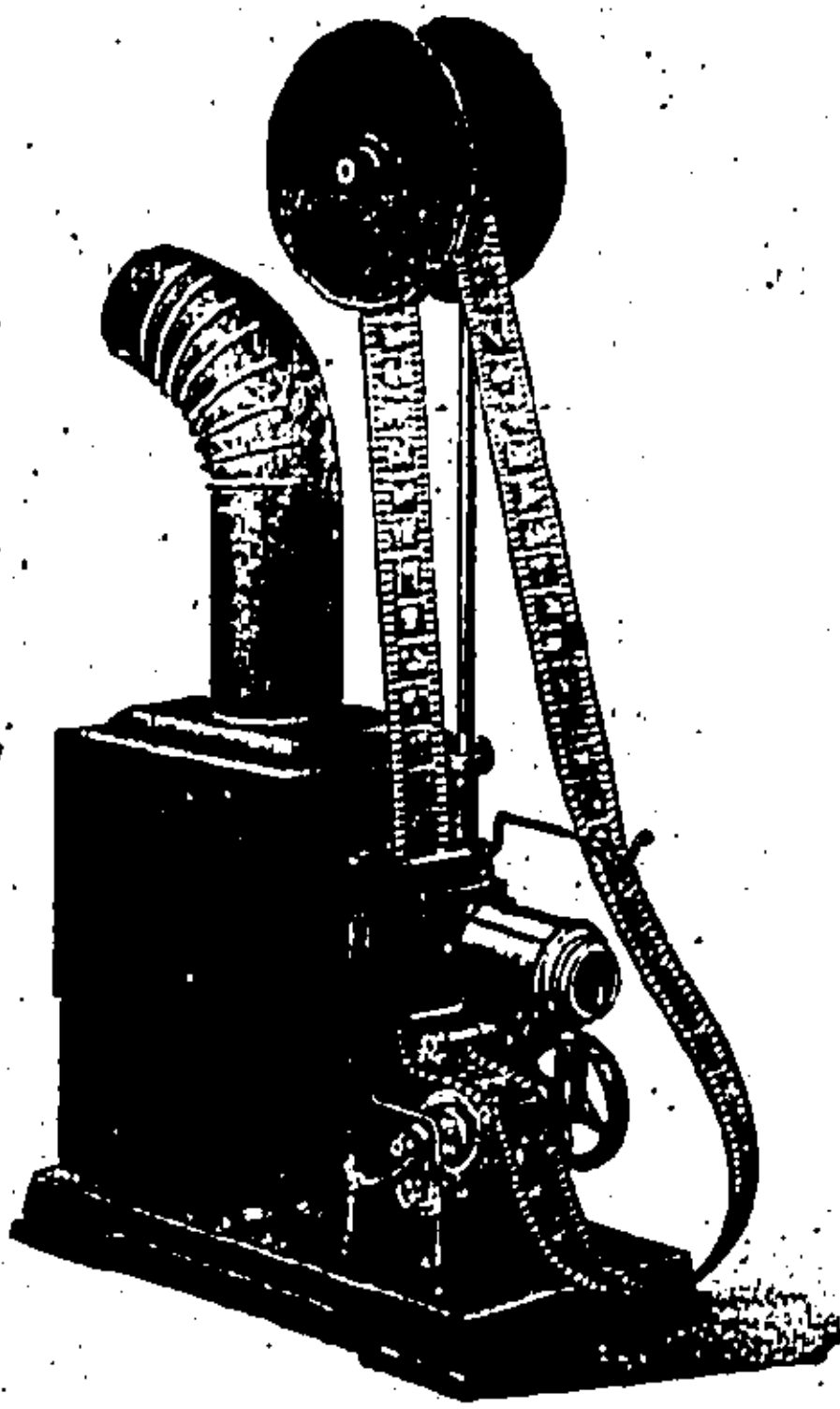
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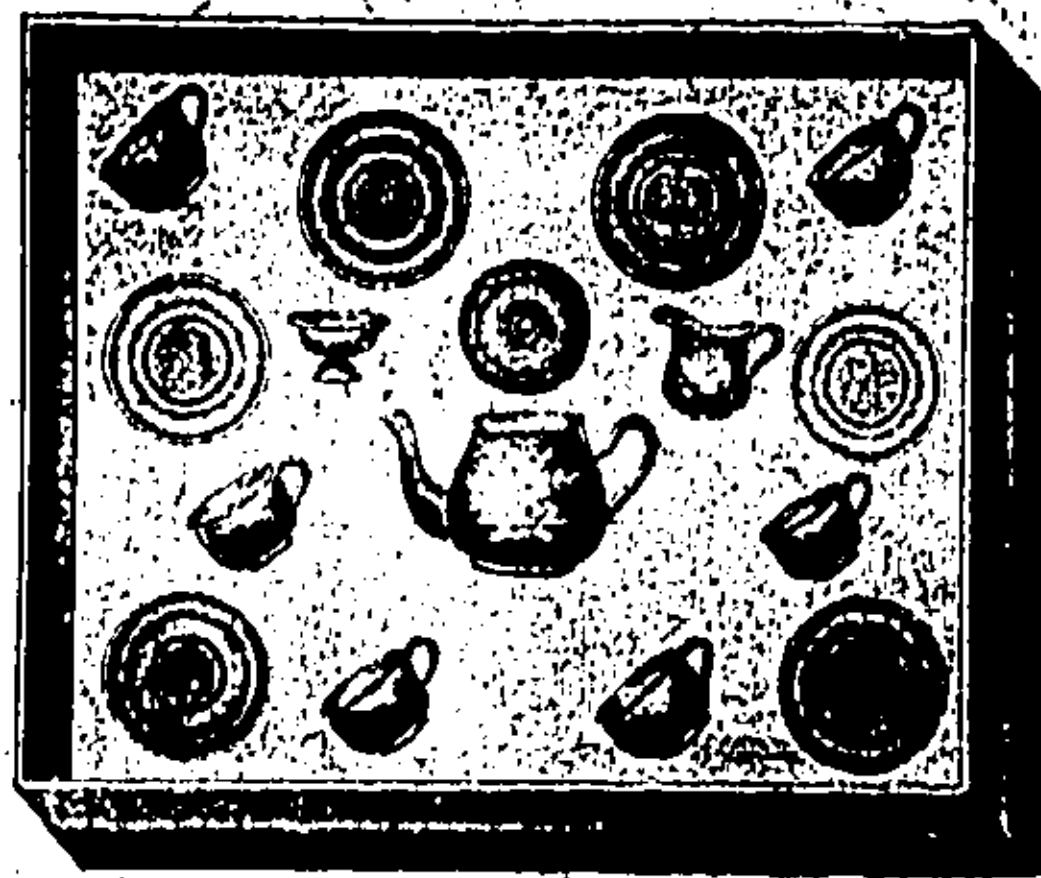
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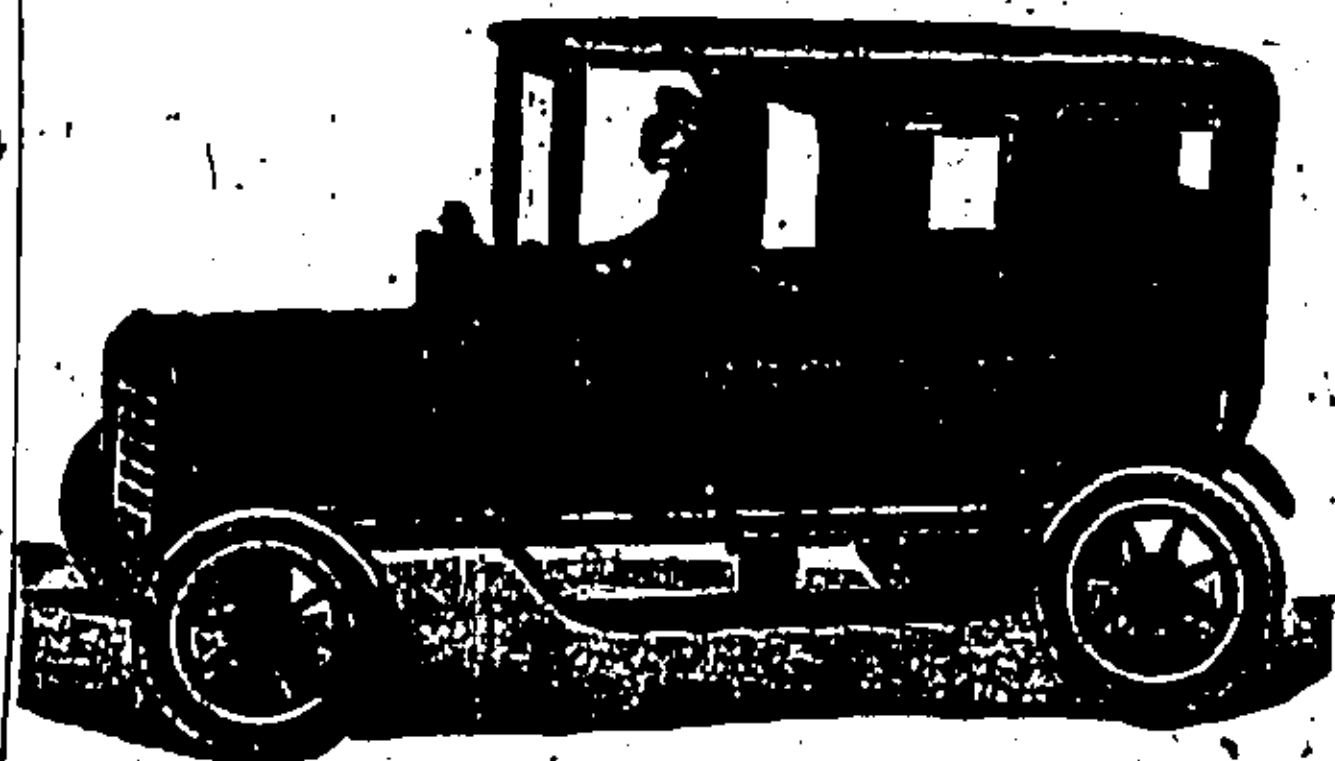
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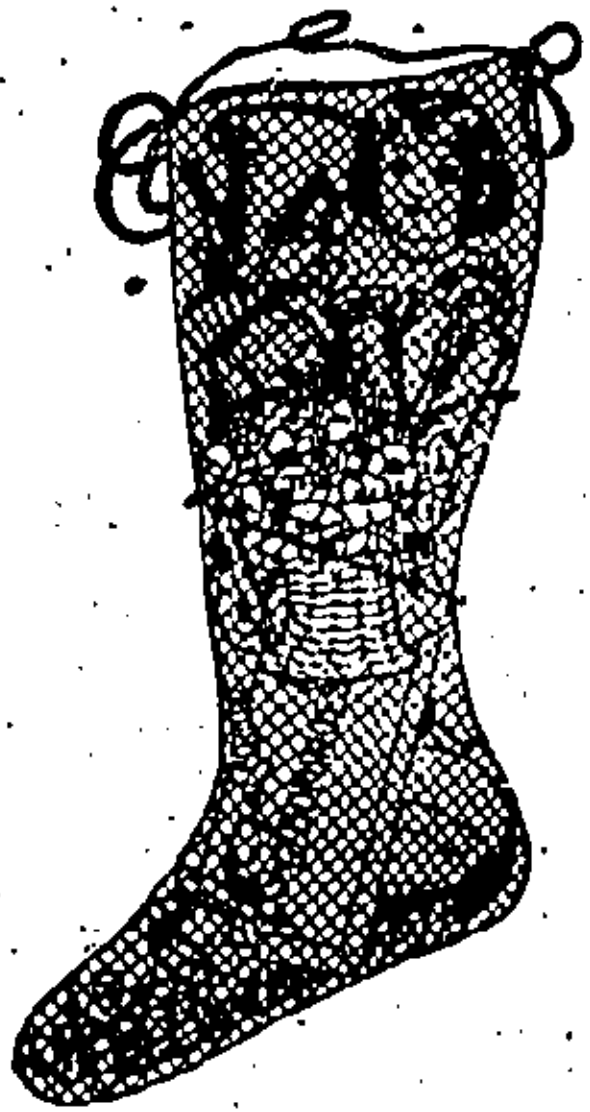
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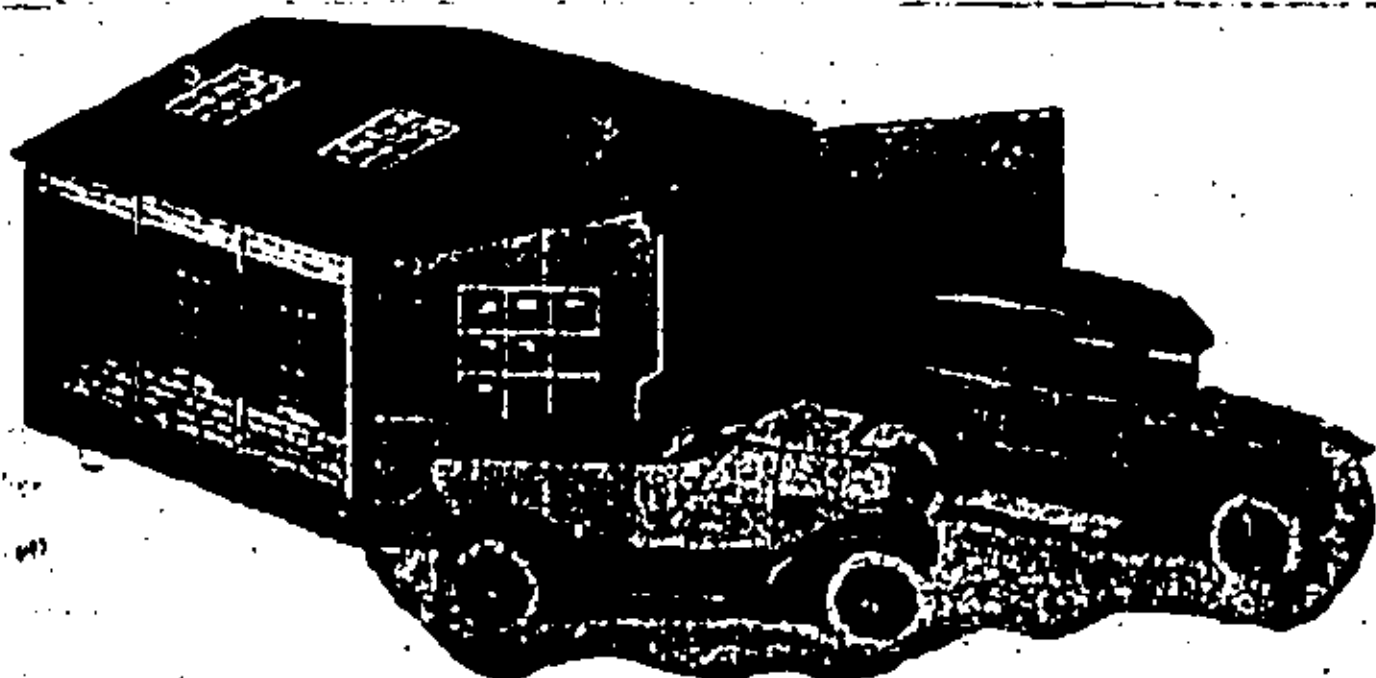
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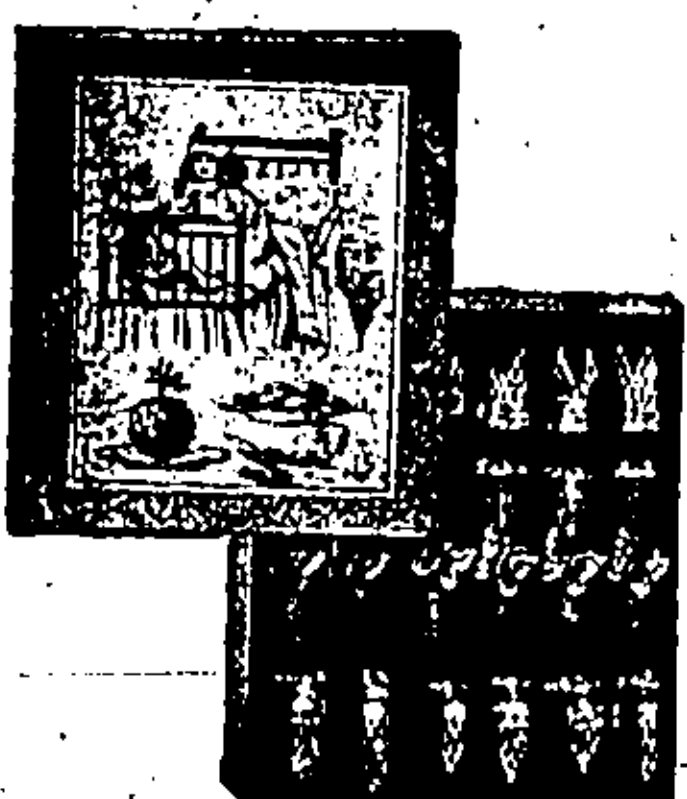
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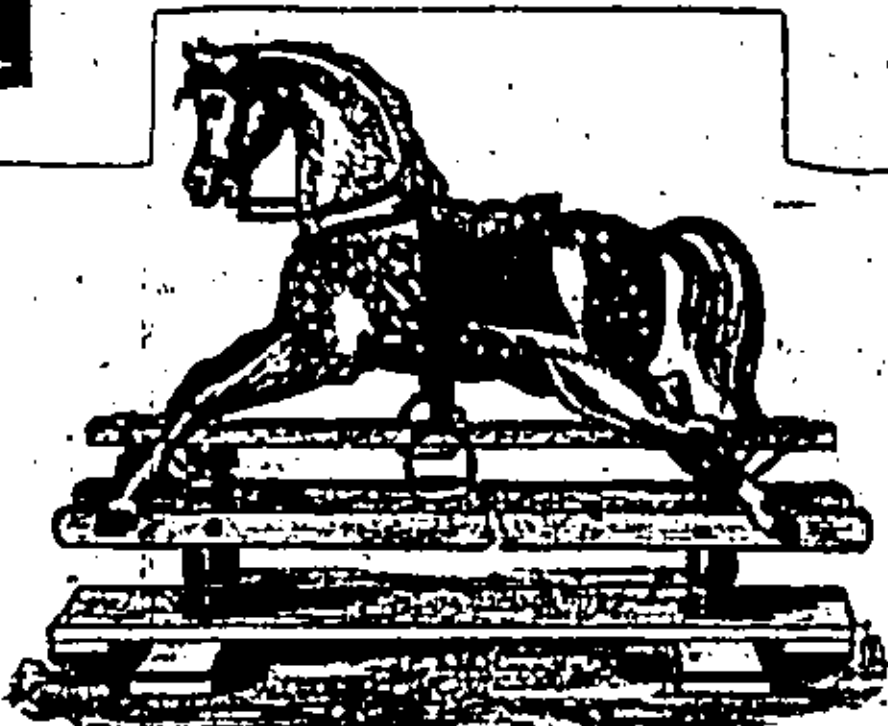
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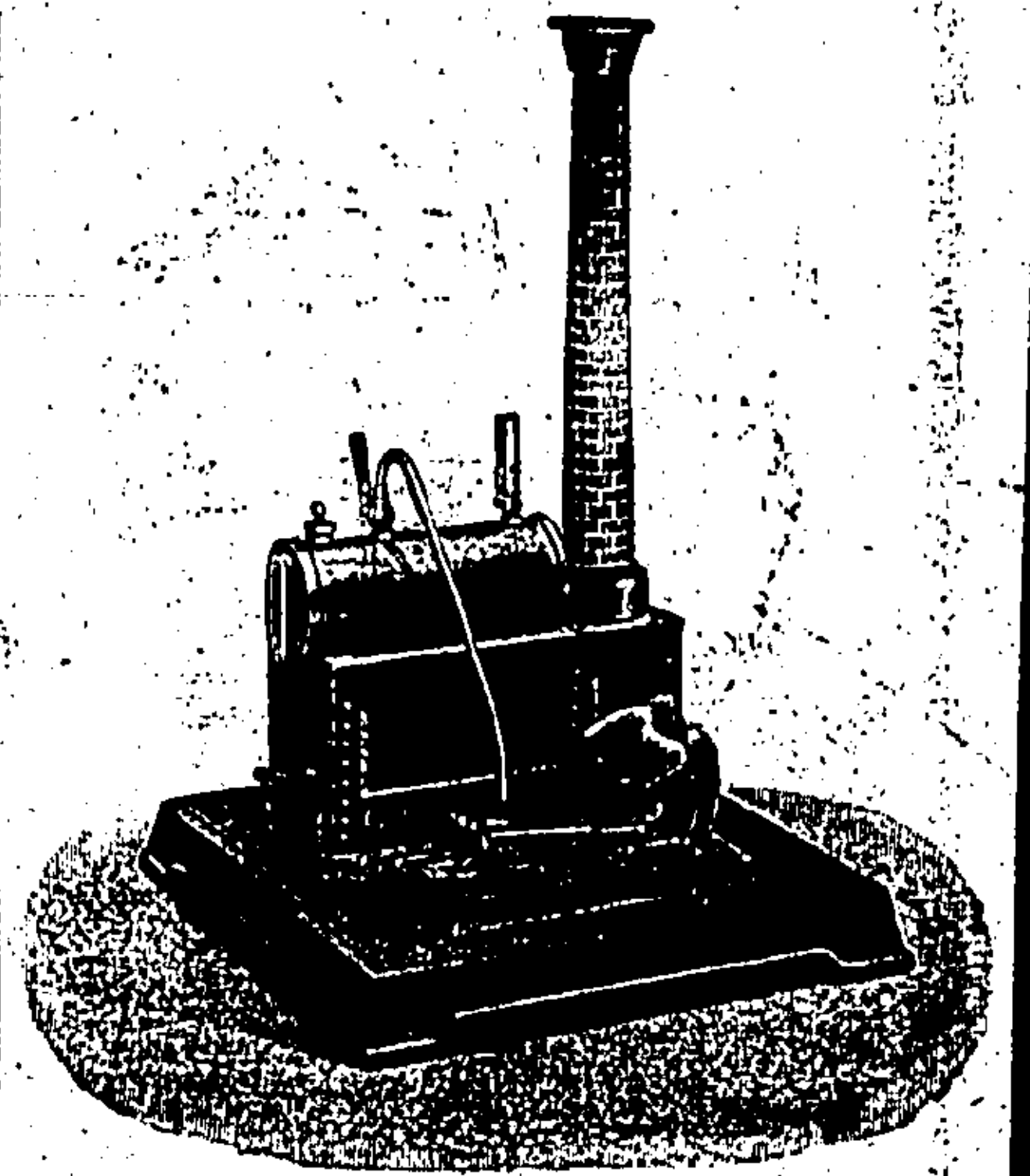
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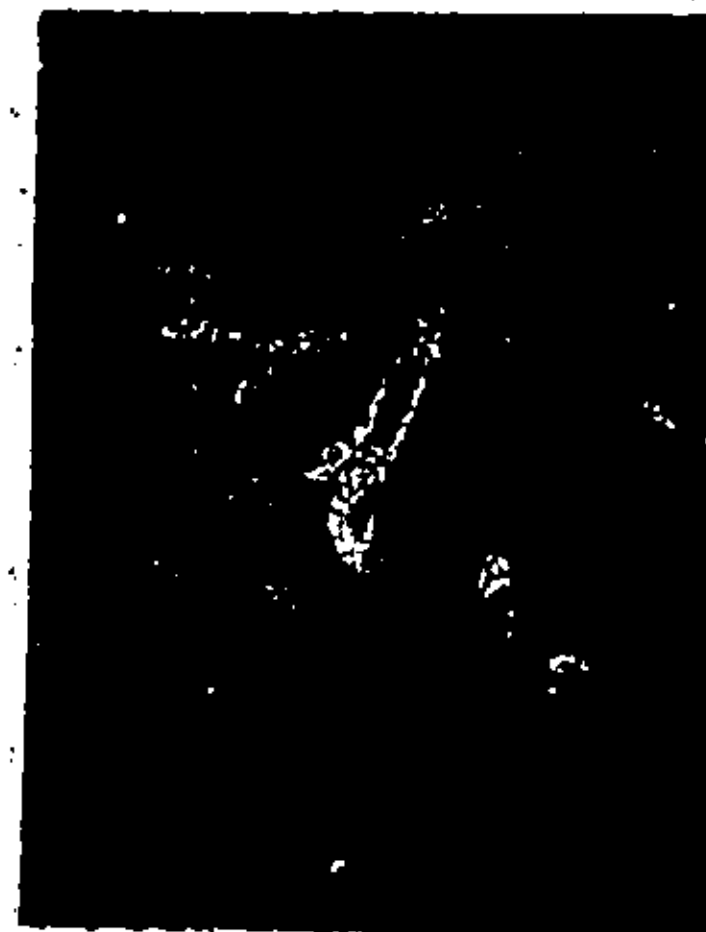
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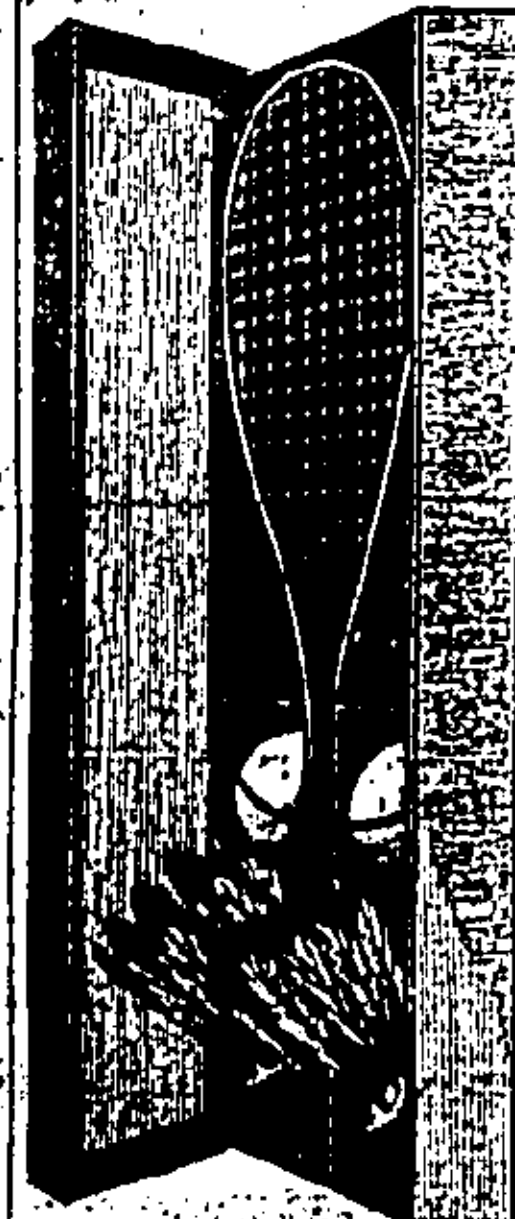
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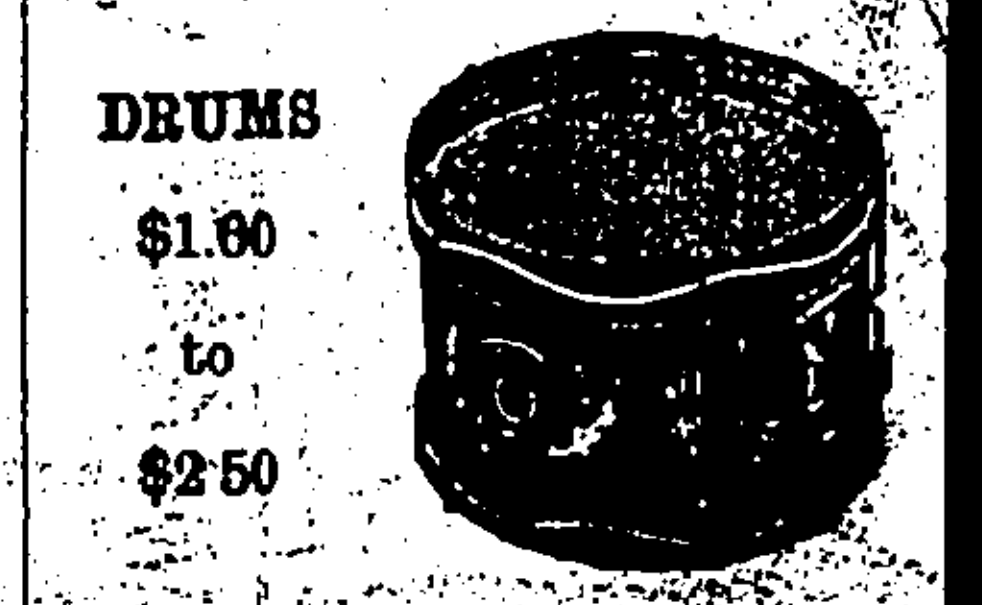


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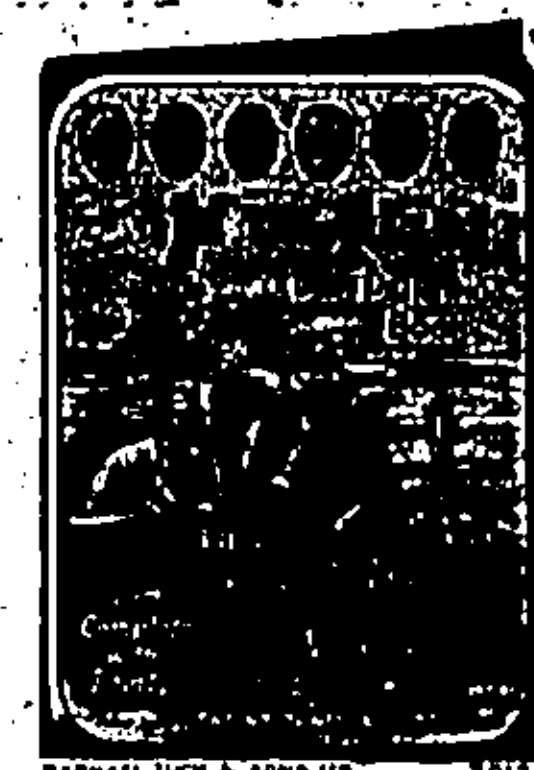
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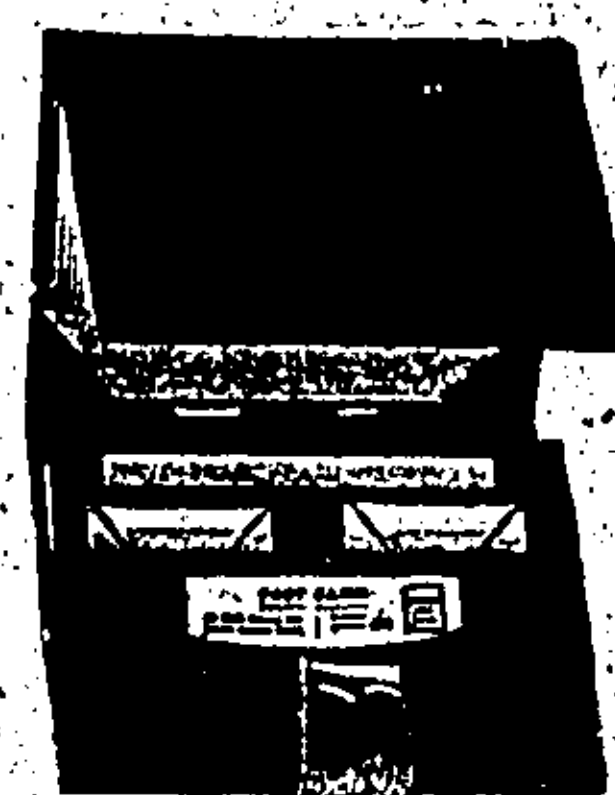
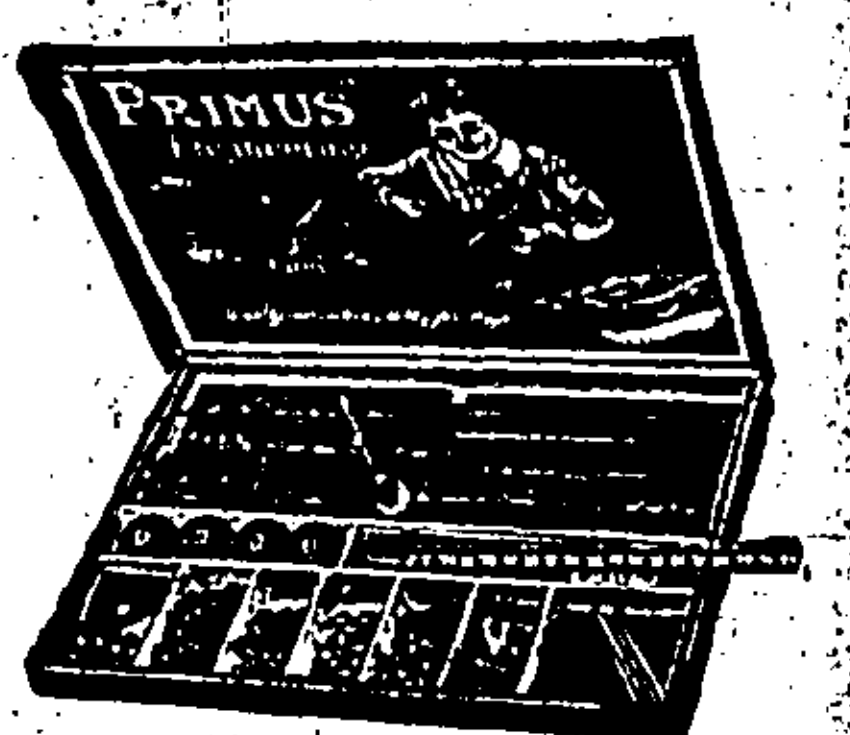
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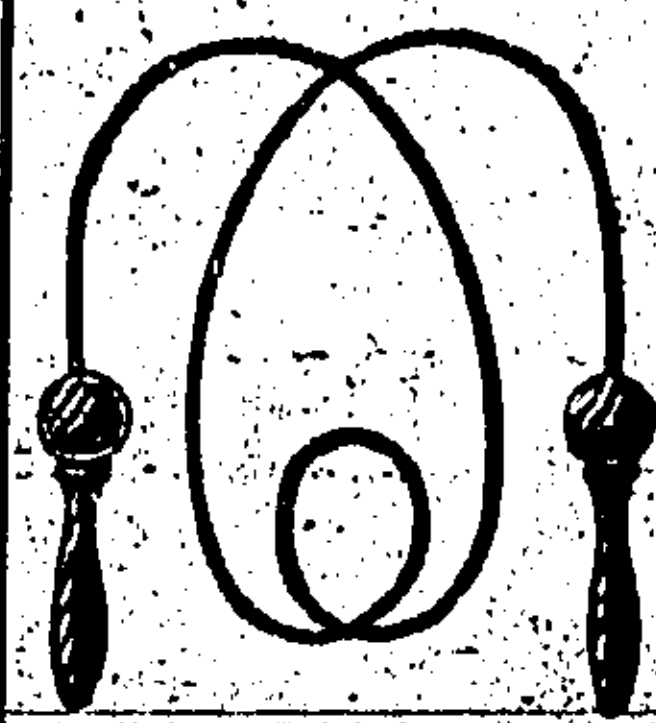
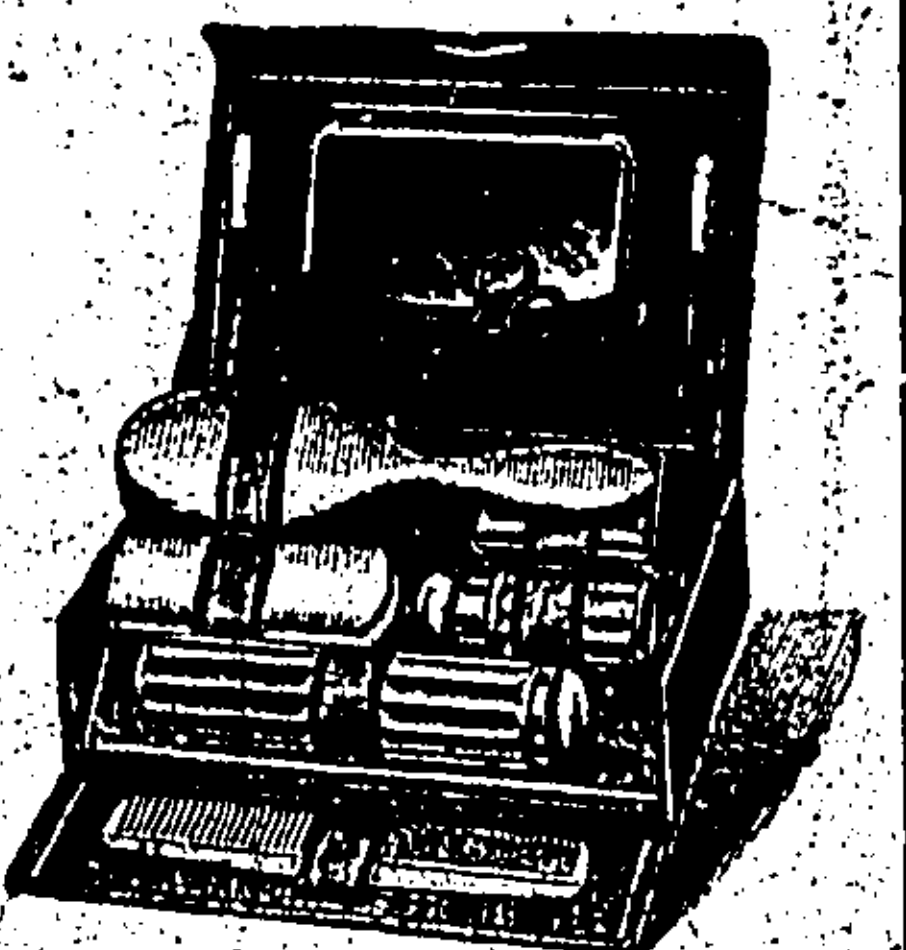
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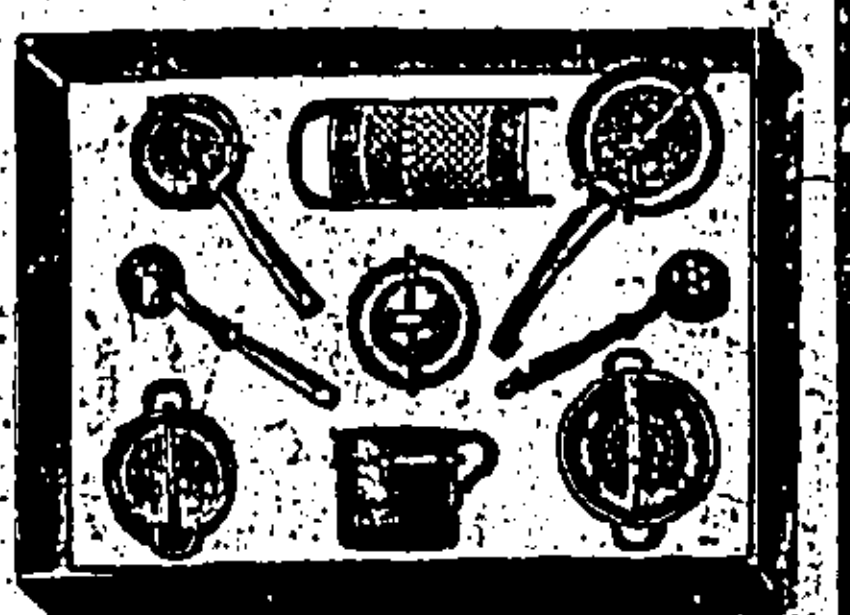
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"NELORE"	6,850	7th Feb.	do.
"DELTA"	8,000	21st Feb.	do.
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Timmy and Billy were not big. Timmy was five years old and Billy was four.

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On Timmy's birthday his mother had given him a lovely scrap book. It had a bright red cover and pages made of calico so that you could not tear them however hard you tried. She gave him too some scraps, soldiers and sailors, motor cars and one of page letters and figures and another of flowers.

Timmy was delighted and often in an evening before he went to bed he got out his scrap book and said, "Please Mother may we stick some in?"

Then his mother would fetch the bottle of gum and the brush and Timmy did the gumming while his mother stuck in the pictures.

One evening their mother was out and for a little time the boys were left playing alone in the nursery.

"I want to gum" announced Billy suddenly when he had finished playing with his bricks and looking at his books too. Sometimes as a great treat he was allowed to help a bit.

"I know," cried Timmy. "We'll make some Christmas cards Billy like Mother has been sending to England."

For the boys had been watching their mother writing on ever so many cards, getting them ready for the Christmas mail and Timmy, who could write a little too, had been told to put his name on some of them.

"I'll get the gum bottle," said Billy.

"Very well you can," said Timmy. "I will fetch the brush."

So they trotted downstairs to the dining room where the gum was kept in a cupboard and then Timmy had an idea.

"Mother has some cards on her writing desk," he said. "I am sure she will lend us those. Come along Billy to the drawing room."

Yes, sure enough there was a packet of plain postcards on the desk. Timmy took them up to the nursery and then they set to work. First of all they spread the cards all over the floor, then Timmy fetched an old "Rainbow" from the toy cupboard and they took it in turns to gum on the scraps. A lot of gum was dropped about on the nursery matting but they did not notice it for they were both so busy. Billy's scraps were often very crooked too but he did not notice that either.

Then just as they were coming to the end Billy, who was sprawling on the floor, kicked over the gum bottle. "You naughty boy!" cried his brother as the gum went trickling all over the cards and along the floor.

"I'm not naughty, it was a mistake," replied Billy.

And just at that moment the door opened and in came their mother.

"Oh what a mess. What have you been doing you little rascals," she exclaimed. "You know that I do not let you do any gumming if I am not here."

"But Mummy," explained Timmy. "It was for a surprise. We were making Christmas cards for you and Daddy and everybody and we couldn't tell you about it. And then Billy kicked over the gum bottle."

"But it was a mistake," put in Billy half crying.

"Well I will forgive you this time," said their mother. "Because you meant it for a surprise but another time Timmy you must not take the gum bottle without asking me first. Now we must clear up this muddle and then perhaps I can help you make a card for Daddy."

"Oh day please," cried both the boys, and their mother gave them some clean cards and a new page of scraps with Father Christmas on it that she had brought back for them and they made some really pretty Christmas cards.

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MANILA.....YUENSANG.....Fri., 15th Dec., 3 p.m.

SANDAKAN.....MAUSANG.....Fri., 15th Dec., Noon.

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TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

GREAT FIRE IN U.S.

WHOLE TOWN IN DANGER.

PORTLAND (OREGON), December 8.
A great fire in Astoria has already destroyed six blocks of buildings and threatens to wipe out the town. Buildings are being dynamited with a view to checking the outbreak. The fire department of Portland has despatched equipment to Astoria. [Astoria has a population of about 10,000.]
BLAZE STILL SPREADING.

LATER.
The fire is still spreading. It has swept away 27 blocks and eaten under the pavement burning the piles on which the town is built. Most of the premises destroyed belong to large business firms. The damage is estimated to immensely exceed \$3,000,000. There have been two fatalities.

AMERICAN POLITICS.

PRESIDENT HARDING AND PROHIBITION.

WASHINGTON, December 8.

The Presidential address to congress foreshadowed an early conference of State governors to consider the enforcement of prohibition. The President expressed the opinion that the repeal of prohibition was unlikely but that codification could be introduced if public opinion was opposed to rigorous observance of the present law. He proposed the substitution of the railroad labour board by the labour division of the interstate commerce commission with power to enforce rulings and urged the coordination of the nation's transportation, including inland waterways merging lines into systems. He advised an amendment of the constitution giving congress authority over child labour and suggested a scheme of registration of aliens and more thorough examination of immigrants.

Regarding foreign affairs, Mr. Harding declared that America shirked no duty towards world troubles, which comes of sympathy, fraternity, and highest fellowship among the nations. She had met every obligation consonant with her form of government. "When we cannot give support we do not demand" but constitutional limitations do not forbid the exercise of moral influence.

The President upheld the tariffs as a necessary protection against distorted condition in world commerce but he would rejoice to rehabilitate the currency systems and facilitate all commerce which did not drag America to a level those she seeks to uplift.

HAIR AND WOOL.

PRECAUTIONS AGAINST ANTHRAX.

LONDON, December 8.

The international anthrax commission unanimously carried a resolution proposing that the governing body of the international labour office should include in the agenda for its next conference a draft convention on the following bases:—hair used in brushmaking and upholstery to be disinfected before handled industrially; wool and hair used in the textile industry to be disinfected before handled industrially except when the country of origin is included in the schedule of countries where danger is slight and when disinfected effectively prior to shipment.

AMERICAN INSTITUTIONS IN TURKEY.

NOT TO BE HINDERED.

LAUSANNE, December 8.

Ismet Pasha has given the representative of the American mission board and Near East relief committee assurances in regard to the future of American educational and philanthropic institutions in Turkey in the way of which Turkey will place no hindrance.

FASCISTI IN MEXICO.

WARNING TO PRESIDENT OBREGON.

VERA CRUZ, December 8.

The Mexican "Fascisti" organization has sent a letter to President Obregon warning him to "eliminate communism" from Government affairs.

POLISH-JAPANESE COMMERCIAL TREATY.

WARSAW, December 8.

The Polish-Japanese commercial negotiations have concluded and a treaty will be signed on December 14.

LOWER STEAMER FARES.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA NOW.

LONDON, December 8.

The Nippon Yusen Kaisha announces passenger fare reductions from London and Marseilles to Ceylon, the Straits, China and Japan varying from £5 to £13 according to the ports.

ALLIED MIS-ION ATTOR-YNES.

IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT PAYS.

BRUSSELS, December 8.

The Forwards learns that the Imperial Government has decided to pay the fines imposed on Passau and Ingolstadt.

The Forwards approves the decision but asks how long the Government will continue to pay for the provocation of the Bavarian Nationalists.

MARINES IN TROUBLE.

ALL SENT TO JAIL.

Mr. R. E. Lindsell yesterday afternoon convicted the four Marines of the U.S.S. "Helena" against whom were preferred charges of obtaining goods by false pretences, including silk from a Chinese dealer in Jervis Street, gold rings from a Chinese shop-keeper in Queen's Road Central and of stealing a ring from another Chinese shop. The Magistrate sentenced them to various terms of imprisonment.

The defendants were 1st Sergeant Joseph Plunadere, Corporal John Joseph Montgomery, Private Frank Van Ashly, and Private Charles Henry Bytheway.

Interesting evidence was given at yesterday's hearing of the finding of some Russian currency notes (similar to those which the defendants were alleged to have attempted to pass at various shops in the defendants' cell in the Victoria Jail.

Chief Warder J. C. West said that on the previous morning it was reported to him by the Indian Assistant Warder that a Chinese prisoner in cleaning out the cell where the prisoners were detained had found six pieces of rouble notes. These pieces were handed to him and, on piecing them together he found them to be one 25 rouble note and the greater part of a one-hundred rouble note and a piece of another one-hundred rouble note.

A Chinese prisoner gave evidence of finding the torn bank notes in a tin containing water which was placed in the cell.

The first defendant told his Worship that prior to being sent to the cells for detention they were searched twice in the admittance room and nothing was found on them. He asked for the warder, who made the search, to be called.

The Magistrate: It is admitted that you were searched twice in the jail, and that the search was even more rigorous than that carried out by the police. I have got that on my notes.

Representatives of a silk store at No. 2, Possession Street, and of a jeweller's shop at No. 204, Queen's Road Central gave evidence of the defendants having attempted to pass at their shops notes similar to those produced in Court. In both instances the notes were rejected. In the latter case after defendant had left, a gold ring was missing from a plaque containing a number of rings which had been handed to the defendants for their inspection. The missing ring was found in second defendant's possession after his arrest.

After similar evidence had been given by a folk of another jeweller's shop at No. 206, Queen's Road Central, who deposed to missing four rings after defendants had left the shop, the Magistrate found the case proved, and sentenced the defendants to the following terms of imprisonment:—Plunadere, three months; Montgomery, nine weeks; Ashley nine weeks; and Bytheway, 11 days.

FRENCH TRADE MISSION.

We have already announced, says the *Courrier d'Haiphong* that a division of our cruisers was about to make a propagandist campaign in the Far East, etc. They will start from France about the beginning of October for the Indian Ocean and China Seas. During their voyage they will visit Madagascar, Reunion, Australia, New Zealand, New Caledonia, Japan, China, Indo-China and Bombay. This division will be composed of two of our finest armoured cruisers, Jules Michelet and Victor Hugo, vessels of 148 metres length and 21 metres breadth, a displacement of 12,550 tons and of 30,000 horse power. The division is placed under the command of one of our most distinguished naval officers Admiral Gilly, former Commandant of the Fleet at Marseilles. The aim of the cruise is to give foreign countries an idea of France's capabilities in export trade. The mission will work on a well devised plan and visit all well established French commercial centres. The division carries a cinematograph plant for demonstrating France's up-to-date machinery and factories at work. It is hoped that a large influx of trade will follow as a result of the expedition's travels.

WOMAN'S GREATEST ENEMY.

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PROPOSED JAPANESE SHIPPING MERGER.

N.Y.K. PRESIDENT'S VIEWS.

The proposal to amalgamate the leading Japanese steamship lines is again said to be receiving careful consideration from the Nippon Yusen Kaisha. The most important part of the new amalgamation scheme lies in whether better results can be acquired by consolidating the leading steamship lines whose interests and conditions greatly differ.

Mr. Ito, President of the N.Y.K., disagrees with the promoters if they intend to approach the Government for subsidy after the suggested amalgamation is carried out. Mr. Ito stressed the need of independence in commercial enterprises and ridiculed the misconception entertained by business men to apply for subsidy when their enterprises were not very profitable. The proposed construction of superior passenger liners for the Pacific has already been decided by the authorities and business men concerned, he said, adding that they fully realize something must be done in order to improve Japan's Trans-Pacific passenger service. The freight trade is generally more lucrative than the passenger traffic, and Mr. Ito believes most of the foreign Trans-Pacific lines, which at present operate splendid passenger liners, are losing money. However,

THE SPERRY STABILISER.

So far as the trans-Pacific vessels of the United States Shipping Board are concerned, it is not intended that the Sperry gyro-stabilizer, the instrument designed to prevent the rolling of ships at sea, will be installed. Though the stabilizer has in every way proved a success, it was found that there was not sufficient room on the "President" ships for its installation. Reports were received some time ago that experiments were being made with the stabilizer on the "President Wilson" and "President Pierce." So far as the "President Pierce" was concerned, it is understood that a stabilizer was installed and proved successful, though it was found impracticable, through want of space, to retain it on board. It is believed that the Sperry stabilizer will become a feature in some of the newer ships.—*Shipping and Engineering.*

In order to maintain the prestige of Japan as a shipping nation he considers it necessary that new and larger passenger boats be placed on the Pacific. The new steamers will, it is stated, be equal in size and elegance to any of the largest Trans-Pacific liners. Mr. Ito considers the present time favourable for starting on this shipbuilding programme owing to decreased cost of materials.—*Shipping and Engineering.*

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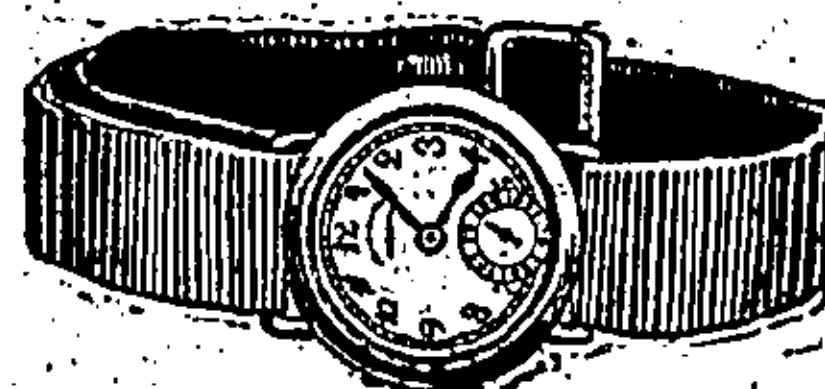
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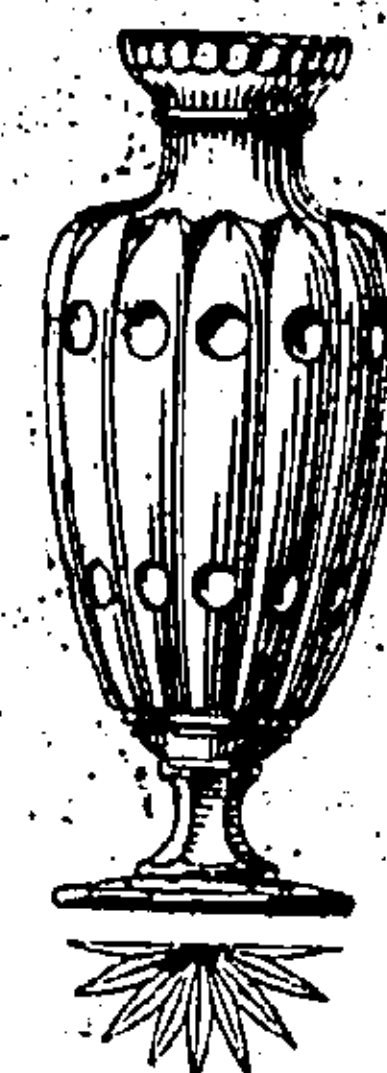
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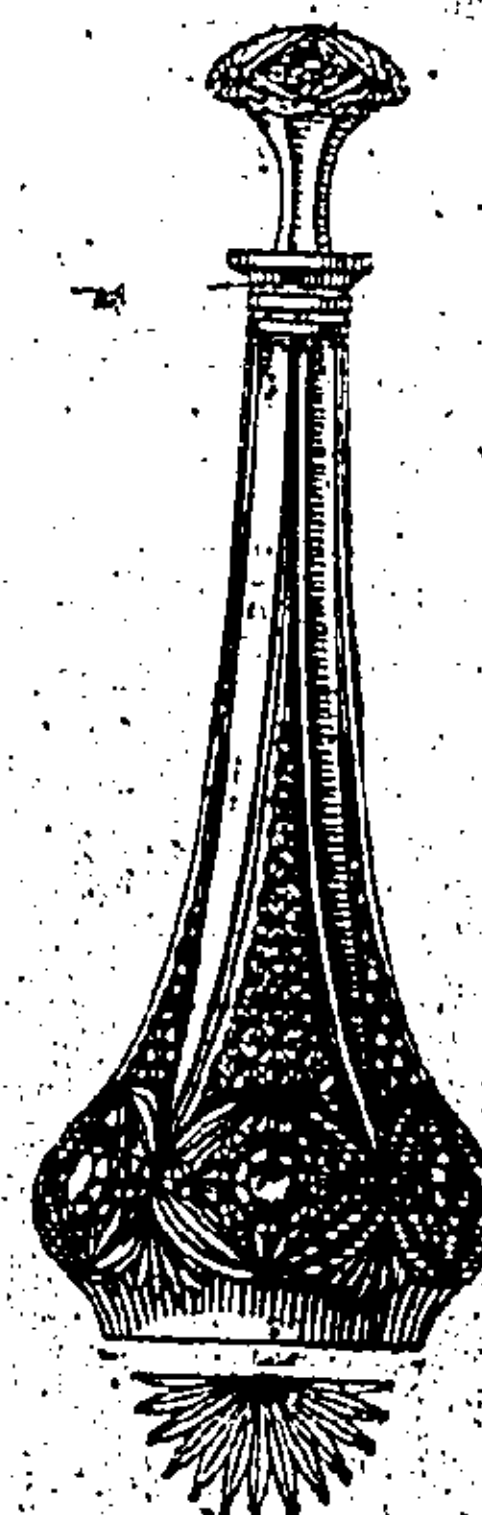
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"SUI AN" ENQUIRY.

CAPTAIN AND THE POLICE REGULATIONS.

OTHER INTERESTING EVIDENCE.

Captain Biras, master of the "Sui An" yesterday afternoon told the piracy commission the story of his bid for life when the pirates seized the ship.

It was about 5.30 p.m., he said, that he left the bridge and joined two Shanghai friends to see the sunset. At about five or ten minutes to six he heard shouts below. That was not unusual as there was always fighting and squabbling going on down there. As he went down to investigate he heard the cry of "pirate." He rushed towards the bridge and as he did so, noticed one or two pirates on the starboard side of the deck. He had just time to say to his guards "Follow me!" when he was shot in the shoulder and "howled over."

In answer to questions put by the Chairman, Captain Biras explained that he was shot from behind and fell like a rabbit, and as he lay there helpless, pirates repeatedly came to him and hit him with the butt of their revolvers.

BETWEEN LIFE AND DEATH.

Continuing his evidence the Captain said he remembered seeing six of the pirates in consultation. They eventually came up to him with the intention of throwing him overboard. He pleaded with them and said he had never done them any harm, so why should they kill him; and then they carried him into a cabin. He added: the ship's officers might have put up a fight, but it would have been hopeless. The guards did all they could, but they were greatly outnumbered.

Commander Beckwith: Have you ever laid down any regulations for the officers and crew in the event of trouble?

Witness: Well, yes, for the guards only. I had arranged that they should concentrate on the bridge where they could get behind the cladders and it would have been possible to fire the rockets.

Commander Beckwith: Would rockets have been any good?

Witness: (doubtfully): They might have been seen from Macao.

THE ALL IMPORTANT QUESTION.

Asked by the Hon. Mr. C. McI. Messer what was the best way to resist pirates, Captain Biras said he

had thought it over many times but it was a very difficult problem. Some said "Put your hands up," others said "Put up a fight." "If," Capt. Biras added, "You put up a fight, they will probably burn the ship and a lot of innocent lives would be lost. If the fire alarm is sound the pirates can take the bridge and take the ship without firing a shot."

It was explained that on the sound of the fire alarm, the grills would be thrown open, allowing the third class passengers to overrun the decks.

Hon. Mr. Messer: Do you think the Piracy Regulations are any good?

Witness: Well a little, but nothing to depend upon. I had little chance even with six guards.

At this point of the evidence Capt. Biras answered a number of questions. In the first instance he did not think the Piracy defences, as they were, would give the necessary cover for resistance, and that they could have improved upon them if the grills had been differently arranged. He had never offered such a suggestion to the company.

"CAPTAIN KETTLE."

Another point the Captain cleared up was the impossibility of keeping the grills closed with a large number of passengers aboard; and that it was very unpopular for officers to carry arms, adding that a man had to be Captain Kettle these days if he was to carry out all the piracy regulations.

In reply to Mr. H. R. Hung (who represented the "compadore") the Captain said he had once found occasion to speak to the purser as to the misuse of the grills.

CAPTAIN'S DENIAL.

Mr. Vaux (representing the Imperial Merchant Service Guild) asked witness a question regarding the statement made by the sergeant of the guard, that Capt. Biras changed the police orders.

Witness denied this and said the only reason he could suggest for its being made was that he had reprimanded the guards for searching for opium.

Mr. Vaux: Your first officer was only with you for three days; did you at any time give him instructions?

Witness: Well, I had not any time, but I had reason to believe that he knew the Regulations.

A WAY OUT.

In his evidence the Chief Quarter-master of the "Sui An" said that he deceived the pirates by telling them that he was a passenger; and the Compadore when called said he managed to creep unobserved into

BANK RETURNS

Returns of the average amount of Bank Notes in Circulation and of Specie in Reserve in Hongkong, during the month ended 30th Nov. 1922, as certified by the Managers of the respective Banks:—

Banks.	Average Amount.	Specie in Reserve.
Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China	\$10,292,754	\$ 5,900,000
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation	44,234,366	24,000,000
Mercantile Bank of India, Limited	1,356,443	550,000
Total	\$15,944,122	\$31,550,000

* Sterling Securities deposited with the Crown Agents valued at \$595,000. † Securities with the Crown Agents and Straits Government £1,500,000. ‡ Securities with the Crown Agents £130,000.

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The death took place at Colombo recently of Paymaster Lieutenant C. W. Livingstone, R.N., of H.M.S. "Southampton". The deceased, who was only 23 years of age, was taken ill at Trincomalee about three weeks ago and on arrival of the flagship in Colombo he was removed to the General Hospital. The late Lieut. Livingstone had been on the East Indies Squadron for the past three years.

The steward's room where he remained for the night. The Portuguese tallyman said he saw a woman dressed in a blue jacket in this room, class compartment at Macao, just before the boat left the wharf side. When the pirates broke out he saw her jumping up and firing at an Indian, who returned her fire. She appeared to be about seventeen years of age and was dressed in Chinese style.

The Commission will resume their enquiry on Monday.

HONGKONG TRADE.

*CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT.

The fortnightly report of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce states:— Cotton piece goods and fancy cotton goods.—During the interval, considerable sales of White S. Irings have been reported at very much below replacing cost. Despite the fact that the standard form of Contract is still not settled, a fair amount of business is said to have been done in dyed and fancy goods.

Cotton Yarn.—Market ruled very quiet and only a few hundred bales changed first hands. Prices ruled steady to firm.

Quotations are:—No. 10s. \$156/180. No. 12s. \$163/178. No. 16s. \$180/195. No. 20s. \$172/196.

Arrivals 1,300. Shipments nil. Sales 500 bales. Unsold stock 7,000 bales. Bargains 8,000 bales.

Woolens.—The cold snap has improved clearances. Old stocks of blankets, rugs etc., are being liquidated which will pave the way for fresh orders for next season. There is a demand for stock lots of suitings, Buxton's Lastings etc., but stocks are scarce. Several orders have been placed for next winter.

Raw Cottons.—There is no change to report. Nominal quotations: Indian descriptions at \$30/35; Chinese grades at \$32/33.

Metals.—Business has remained quiet. Steel Bars are reported done at the exceptionally cheap price of \$1.40 per picul. The Nails are required for, but lower exchange makes the price higher than dealers are prepared to pay.

Flour Market Report. Stock: About 750,000 sacks. Quotations: American Patent \$3.70 per sack; American Straight \$2.85 per sack; American Cut off \$2.90 per sack; Shanghai Flour \$2.90 per sack; Australian No. 1, \$3.00 per sack.

Sundries.—Market steady. Java Sugar.—Market steady. Philippine Sugar.—Market active and advancing.

Fatpetee.—Heavy demands continued throughout the fortnight.

It is reported that Clarion Chaplin, Mary Pickford and Douglas Fairbanks have chartered a Japanese steamer for a tour around the world, the voyage to begin early in January.

A PSYCHIC DRAMA.

"THE FORTUNE TELLER."

However much they may scoff, however emphatically deny that there can possibly be "anything in it," most people succumb readily enough when somebody comes along and offers to tell them their fortunes. Nobody is quite free from superstition, and that is why "The Fortune Teller," which the Coronet management are screening for the next day or two, is attracting such wide attention. The heroine is a woman gifted with amazing psychic powers, which she turns to good account in stimulating and urging her son to achieve success after success. This, too after she herself has sunk to such degrading depths that her son never suspects her identity. It is difficult to tell whether her psychic power or the force of her innate mother love is really the stronger influence.

TO COPENHAGEN.

SHANGHAI YACHTSMEN'S BOLD PLAN.

More than half way round the world in a 47 foot sailing yacht is the programme of five doughty Shanghai yachtsmen who expect to leave there on about January 20 for Copenhagen.

The intrepid members of the Shanghai Yacht Club who propose to undertake the long, hazardous journey are Messrs. P. N. Jensen, A. Ingwersen, H. Kjer, E. Hauglund and H. J. Vanman. Their yacht will be called the "Shanghai" and will be of about 17 tons net, 47 feet long and with 16 foot beam.

The adventurers expect to lay a course round the Horn, going by way of the Philippines and Borneo, thence to Sunda Strait and across the Indian Ocean to the Island of Rodriguez, thence to Mauritius, the French Reunion Island, Madagascar, Durban, Cape Town and other South African ports, to St. Helena and Ascension Island, on to Cape Verde, the Azores and through the English Channel. The trip is expected to occupy the greater part of 1923.

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Miss Florence Clifford, winner of a \$500 beauty contest in Boston, was waiting for a Justice of the Peace to marry her to Christopher Ross when her mother appeared and carried her off. Ross was arrested.



The thirteenth conference of the International Maritime Committee for Promoting Unification of the Laws of the Seas met recently in London. Representatives of all maritime nations attended. The Rt. Hon. Sir Henry Duka, President of the British Admiralty Court, presided, and Dr. Frederic Sior, of Belgium, was Honorary General Secretary.



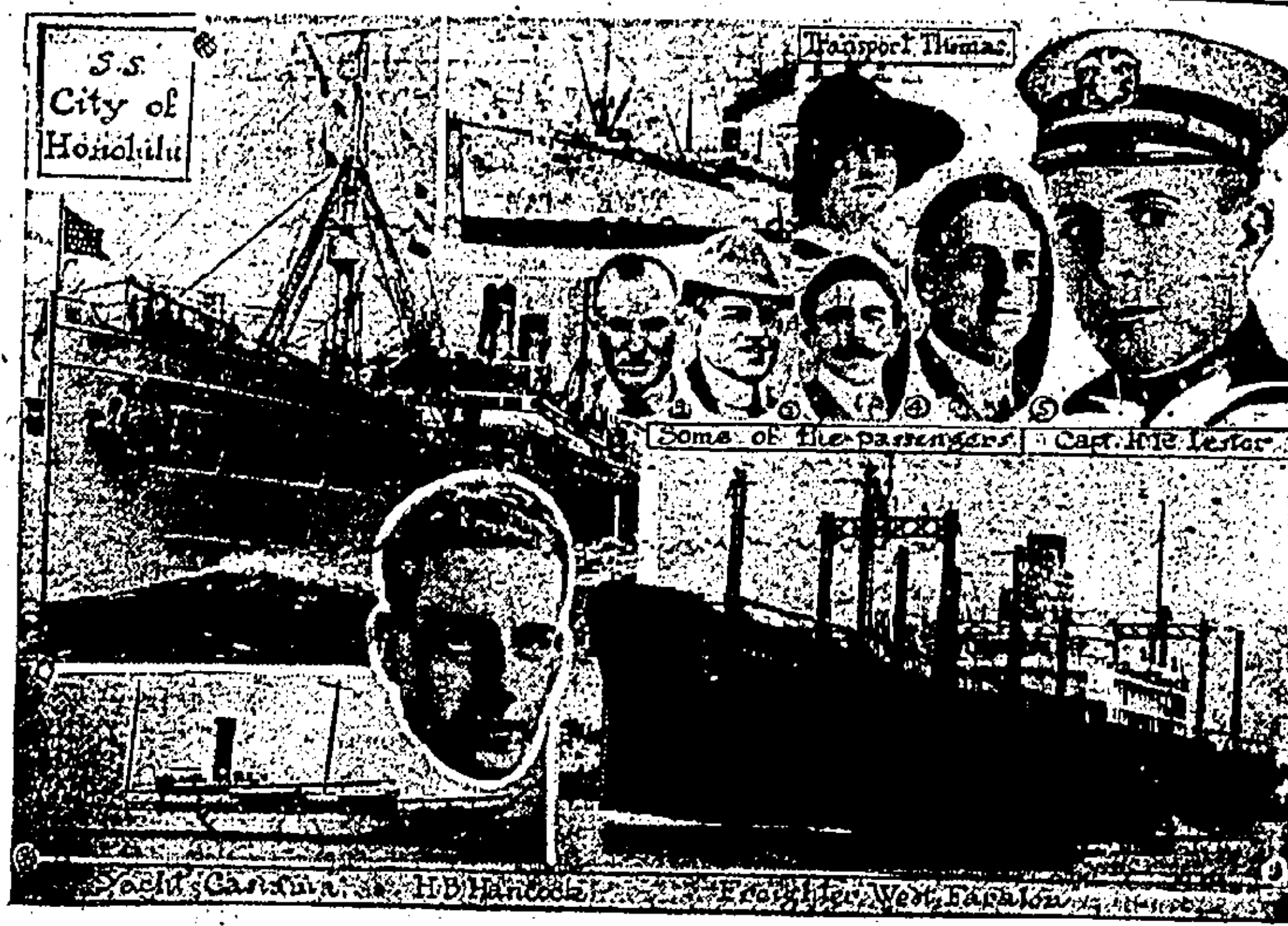
"Titanic's Palace", a dollhouse on the scale of an inch to the foot, is considered the most remarkable model ever constructed. It was designed by Major Sir Neville Wilkinson, who did practically all the interior decorating work himself. The palace is two and a half feet high and covers an area of sixty square feet. The tiny furniture and decorations have been made with scrupulous care and exquisite artistry. Queen Mary saw the palace on display and signed her name in tiny letters in the small visitor's book at the entrance to the palace. All the money raised by the exhibit goes to war charities. The view is of the workroom where the castle was built, with "Tommy," of Dublin, putting on the finishing touches.



Miss Florence Hamburger, of Los Angeles, has returned to America after a year's study abroad. She was known as the "happiest girl" on the liner "Finland."



Mr. W. Roderick Dorsey, the American Consul to Florence, Italy.



When the big liner "City of Honolulu" burned at sea, it was the heroism of Wireless Operator H. B. Hancock that saved the passengers and crew. The freighter "W. at Farallon" picked up the boats at sea, later transferring all the rescued to the U.S. Army transport "Thomas," Captain H. R. Lester, of the "City of Honolulu," true to traditions of the sea, being the last to go aboard. The private yacht "Casama," belonging to E. H. Doherty, oil magnate, also sped to the rescue.



Sir George Paish, world famous English economist, has arrived in America for a lecture tour, his first address being made on International Debt and Foreign Trade before the American Manufacturers and Exporters' convention.



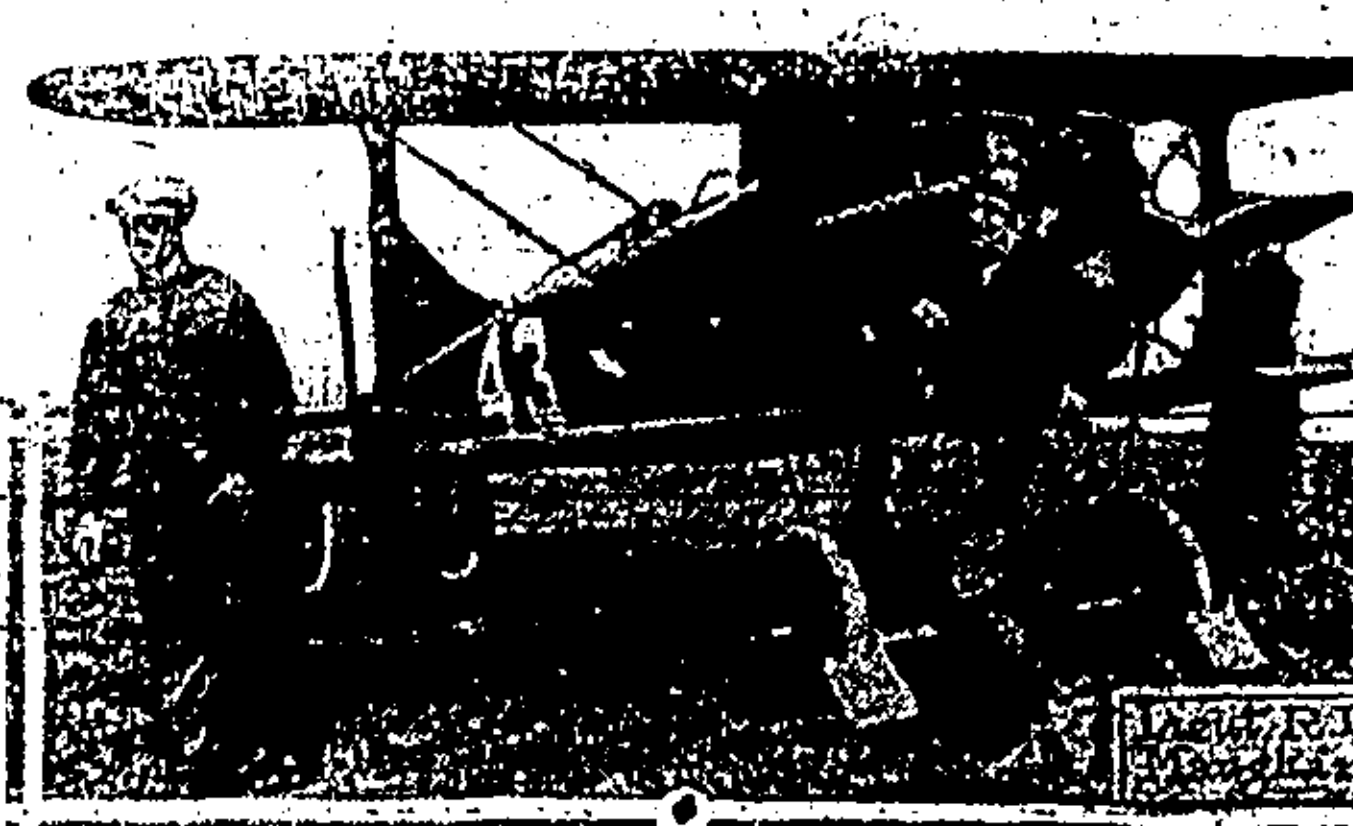
Boston and New York society folk, with millions in money and eccentric ideas, have formed a Hobo Colony, under the leadership of John Knowles Bourne, millionaire "farmer," and are now located near Buzzard's Bay. The stated purpose of the "Hobo Corporation" is "to fight unions, protect the elect from the restrictions of the great unwashed and to secure free love to enjoy the untrammelled luxury of life, liberty and pursuit of happiness."



Miss Josephine Lewis, known to the sick and wounded buddies who were under her supervision at the embarkation point at Brest, France, as "Nurse Smith," attended the reunion of the American Legion in New Orleans.



Mrs. Belle Howell Bohn, daughter of the late Rear Admiral Howell, U. S. N., who has lived in Washington most of her life, has opened the Yellow Dragon Tea House in Vermont Avenue.



Here is Lieutenant R. L. Maughan of the U.S. Army Air Service, winner of the Pulitzer air race, in Detroit, at 106 miles an hour. Tied to show how fast his Curtiss racer powered with a 430-horse power Curtiss motor really was, Lieutenant Maughan flew over a measured kilometre at the dazzling speed of 243.6 miles an hour—more than four miles a minute and faster than any human being ever traveled before. At that speed he could cross the American continent in less than a fortnight.

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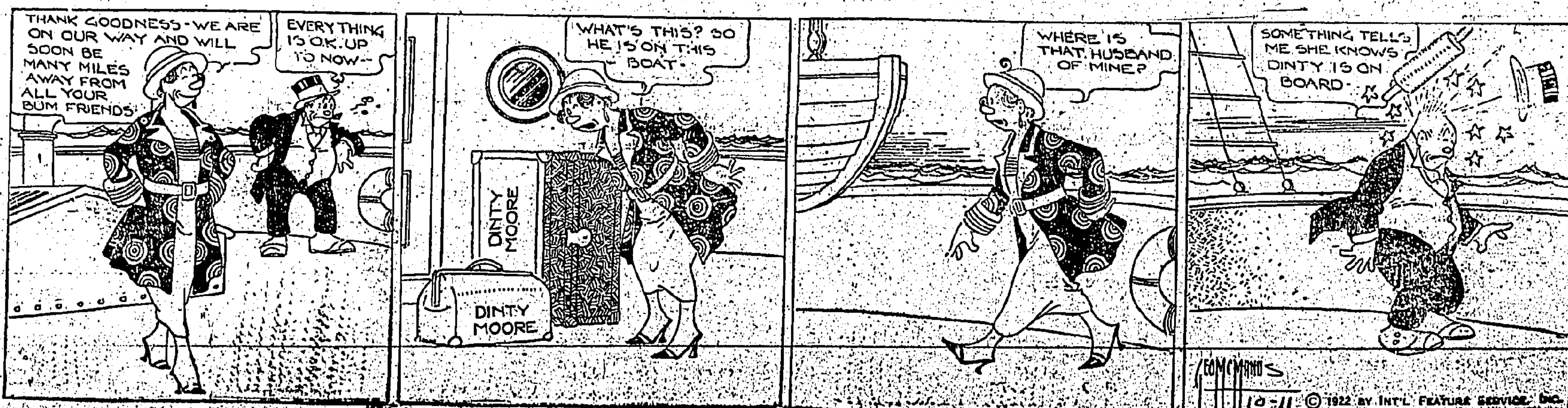
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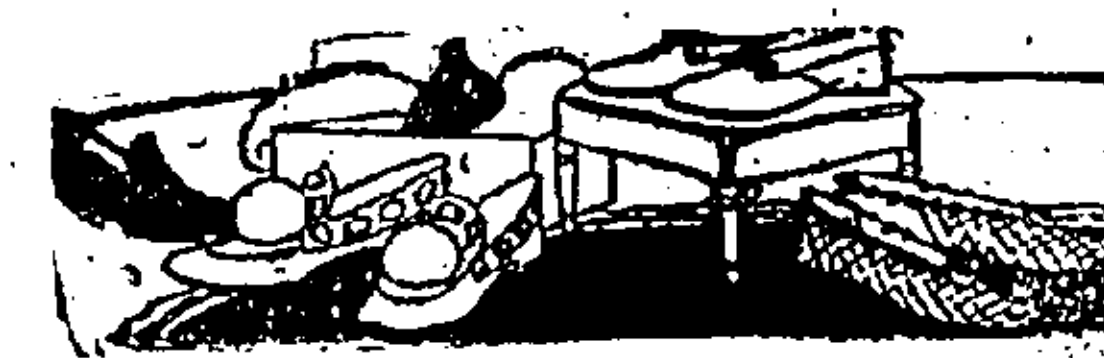
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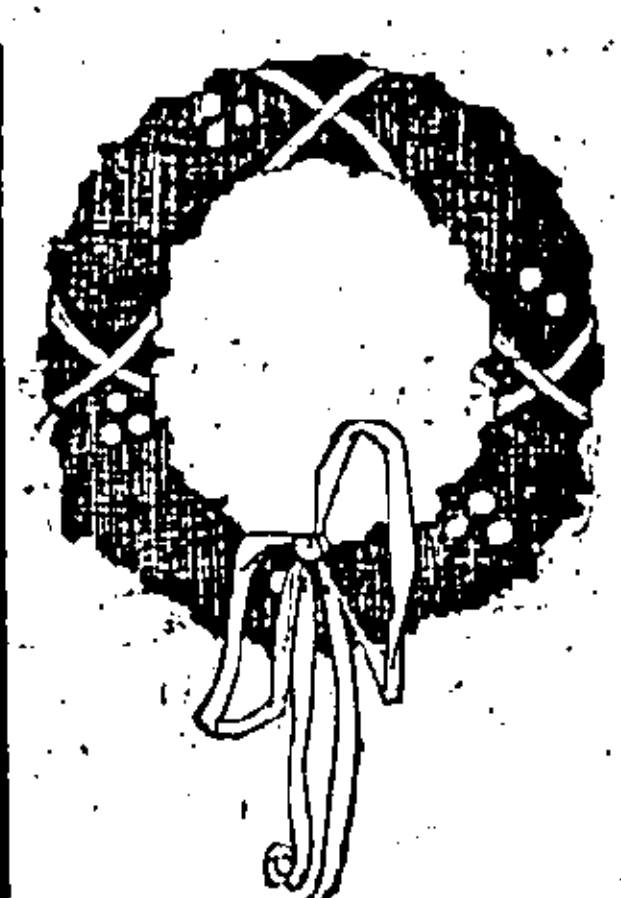
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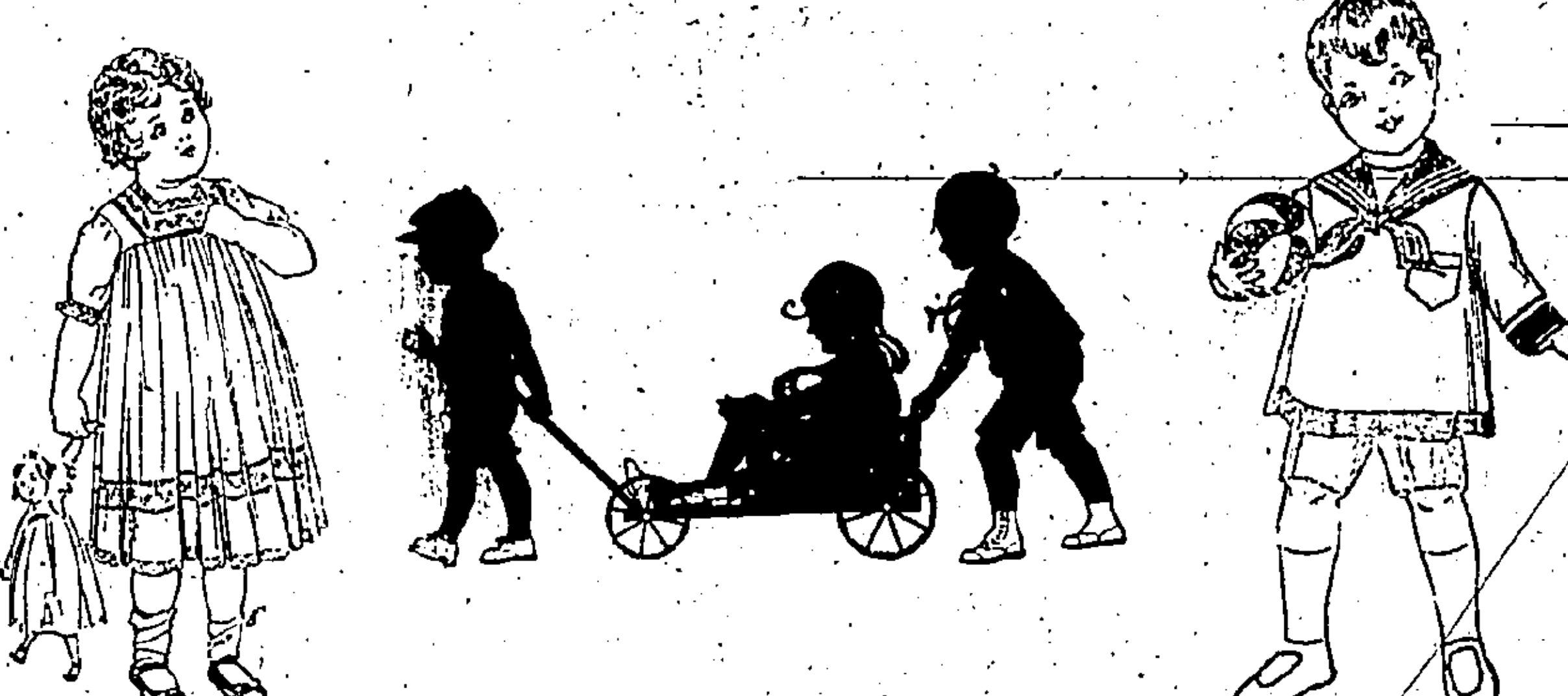


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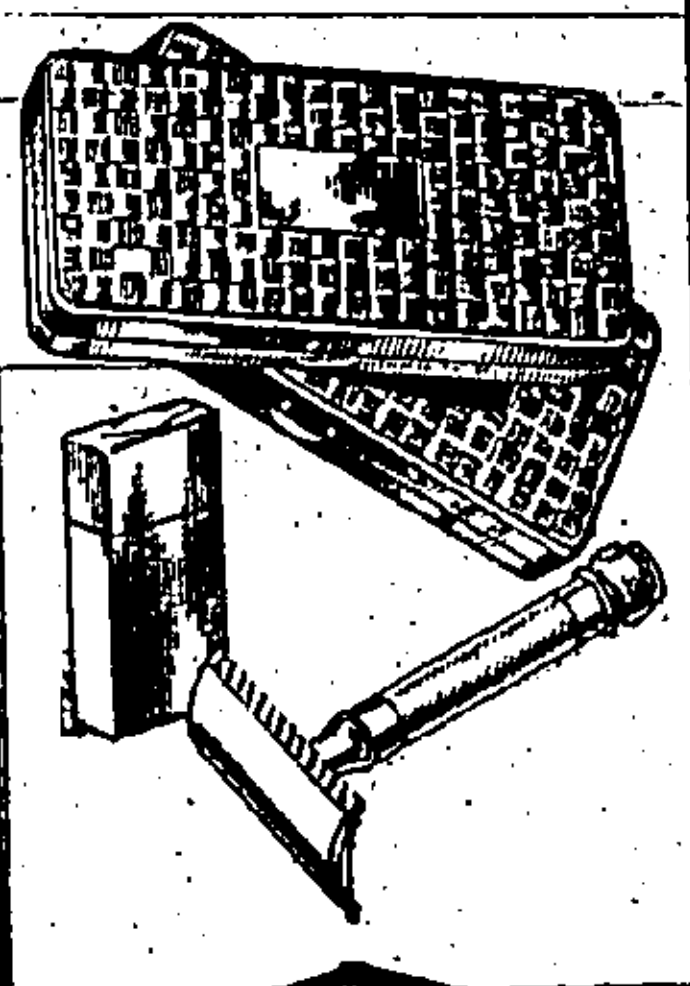
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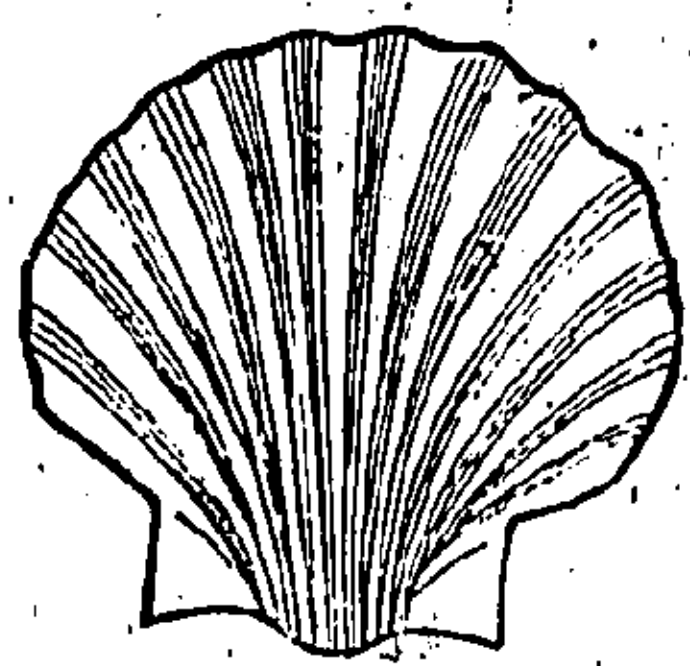
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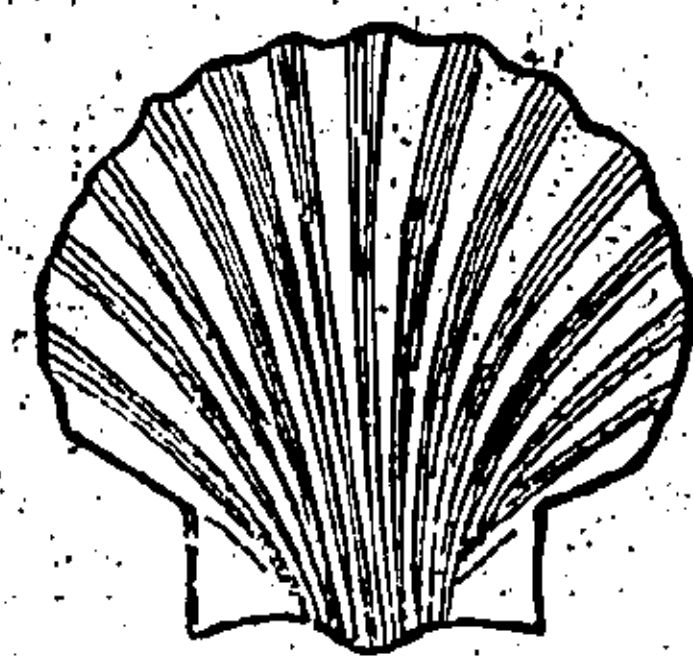
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